

Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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Challenging Sunday School Convention

Dr. Henrietta Mears, for many years Director of Christian Education at Hollywood First Presbyterian Church, and outstanding authority on all phases of Christian Education, began her challenging message on "Youth Needs God" with the statement, "A telegram can be sent around the world in 53.6 seconds, yet it has taken sleepy Christians 2,000 years to send the most important message ever given around the world."

"In our world today two out of three go to bed hungry; one billion two hundred million are illiterate; only 1/2 of 1% of the people of Japan know Christ. This is the world in which we are projecting our youth. Shall we give God of the Bible to our youth? This is the question we are asking ourselves today.

It used to be God was a major in the classroom, now we are feeding our youth on husks. There are 700,000 teachers preparing youth on the three r's but the fourth r is being left out and 36 million are not touched at all. There are more bar maids than college girls, and three times as many criminals as students in college. One out of two Hollywood homes end in divorce. God has been repudiated and the shelves filled with Caesar. There is nothing of Christ and He is the greatest name in all history. 16 out of 17 top educators have repudiated God. Most people's conception of God is a 6th or 7th grade understanding. The one who is able to meet this world's needs; the one who gives the most strength, we know little about.

82% of the people who attend church leave it at the Junior High age. We have the responsibility to prepare them for life. Our education has become quantitative, not qualitative. We have taught them how to control airplanes but not how to control their appetites.

Don't say for a moment "I'm only a Sunday School teacher." It is the greatest calling. You must know your subject and understand it thoroughly. Our youth are indeed grateful to us as they go out into the world. Our youth graduate with an AB degree and say, "I

can go out and master the world." How foolish to think we can even face the world with two letters of the alphabet behind our names. Add the "C" for Christ and the

Thanksgiving And Missionary Sunday

Kelowna, B.C. — The beautiful sunshine seemed to tune our hearts to thankfulness as we walked to church this morning. The harvest of fruit and flowers met our eyes as we entered the house of God. Soon the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the choir were added to make the spirit of thankfulness complete.

"D" for Duty, the "E" for Eternal Values. We need "P" for Power too. There is a need for training leadership. This is getting acquainted with the real task. Not to just reach the children, but all. This demands leadership of the greatest
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During the morning service Mrs. Herbert Janzen, on furlow with her husband from Germany, sang a solo. Rev. Abe Sawatsky stirred our hearts to thankfulness and the members poured out their hearts in thanks to God the giver of all benefits. Rev. J. A. Harder, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, told the boys and girls about the famine in Russia. He then spoke to the adults in the German lan-

guage. Rev. J. J. Dyck, recently from India, spoke in the English language.

After a meal in the basement of the church, the afternoon service began. Mrs. Herbert Janzen told the boys and girls a story. The brethren Harder and Dyck challenged the church to having a heart for missions.

After a solo by Mrs. Janzen, Rev. Vogt of the First Mennonite church closed the meeting in prayer.

Called Home

Mrs. Sarah Froese of Winnipeg went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 11, at 11 a.m. Funeral service to be held in the South End M.B. church Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LIM KHI THIN

Brother and Sister Lim Khi Thin are trophies of the earlier years of our mission work in China. When the Christians in South China were persecuted in the 1920's and the missionaries had to leave South China, Missionary J. S. Dick went to Indonesia and took with him Lim Khi Thin who was then just a young man. Later Lim Khi Thin married a devoted Chinese Christian sister. Together these faithful workers have labored diligently

among the Hakka Chinese people of Indonesia. The Lord has greatly blessed their work for there are a number of self-supporting churches in the area.

Sister Lim Khi Thin became ill a number of years ago. After severe suffering and months in the hospital, she was taken home by the Lord of her life on July 24, 1959. Her funeral was held on the following day.

Brother Lim who is in his 59th

year is now left alone with his work. In a September 21 letter he requests that a word of thanks and appreciation be given to all the brothers and sisters in North America who have prayed for them as a family and have sent financial aid to them through the Board of Foreign Missions office. Although he feels the great loss, he says he has given all of his children to the Lord and trusts Him for the future. Continue to pray for the Lim family.



Sister Lim Khi Thin. — Behind the coffin are l. to r.: Brother Lim Khi Thin and his oldest three children.

EDITORIAL

The Office of the Work

... *If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.* —I Tim.3:1

Paul does not condemn a man for aspiring to an office, even so impotent one as that of overseer of the church. The qualifications which he immediately lists show that not everyone, even in the church, is fitted for office. But it is not wrong for one to seek an office for which he is qualified, even to work in order that he may qualify. People who have hoped to become missionaries or ministers of the Gospel have not had a wicked ambition. Would that more people aspired to find a place of usefulness in God's kingdom.

But it is important to note how Paul shifts attention from the office to the work. And some people are more ambitious for an office than they are desirous to do the work of that office. It is position, honor, prestige, power, advantage that they have their eye on, not the task that needs to be done. Perhaps the task involves too much effort, hard work, self-sacrifice, criticism, difficulty, sweat, toil, and tears. They want the job, but are willing to let someone else do the work. Some who achieve office hold on to it long after it is plain that someone else could do it better. We have all seen people brokenhearted because they lost an office. We have seen far too few who have been brokenhearted because they have performed the task inefficiently.

We speak not only of the ministry, although this applies there. But it can apply to any office in the church: deacon, librarian, teacher, treasurer, usher, janitor, president of women's auxiliary, Sunday school superintendent, song leader, trustee, or any other one of the hundreds of callings in the church. No one should want to hold on to a job when he thinks, or when others think, that someone else would fill the place more acceptably. The kind of ambition which is utterly unworthy of a Christian is self-seeking, reaching out after honor and recognition—"lust of station," one of our hymns calls it.

To want to work for the Lord is a good thing. We ought to be unwilling to face our Judge if we have not made our lives count in every possible way for Him. We should want to witness for Christ, to pioneer in some new exemplification of the Christian walk, to teach the Word, to win men out of sin to salvation in Christ, to make some contribution to the cause of righteousness. If this is what we have in mind, if this is our goal and purpose, then it is good to want to be a teacher, a preacher, a bishop, a writer. This, says Paul, is a "good work."

We have tended to frown on any aspirations for office because our thoughts did not go beyond the office. "He has a preacher's bee in his bonnet," we used to hear it said. If a young man with convictions for the Lord's work went to school to prepare for it, he kept his thoughts strictly to himself.

There was reason for our strictures against ecclesiastical ambition. For there were people who wanted a chair to sit in, rather than a row to hoe; there were those who wanted a place in the procession rather than a secluded, forgotten spot where they could lose themselves ministering to desperate human need. There were people who wanted to skip the cross and receive the crown. A little boy said he would like to be a missionary on furlough. He wanted acclamation and glamor; the monotonous years in heat and discomfort and grueling work he was willing to leave out.

Yes, be ambitious, but for work, not for office.
(Guest Editorial by Paul Erb, Gospel Herald)

Views on Preparation for Preaching and Praying

In some Mennonite circles in earlier days it was considered improper for the minister to prepare a sermon and use notes in his preaching. It was argued that the preacher must be open to the leading of the Spirit, Who will direct the thinking of the speaker as he stands before his audience. We now believe that the Spirit usually can more effectively guide the preacher in the pre-

paration of his sermon when he is quiet and alone than when he stands before an audience.

Somehow many congregations have not applied this same argument to public prayers and they assume that impromptu prayers are more desirable than prayers that have been planned with the needs of the congregation in mind. There are still those congregations where the person called upon to pray in public is not given even ten seconds notice. In my observations of this

DEVOTIONAL

The Beauty of Jesus in the Believer

By Ben H. Klassen

We love to sing the song:
"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen
in me;
All his wondrous compassion and
purity.
Oh thou Spirit divine, all my nature
refine;
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in
me."

What is the beauty of Jesus? Surely not His physical form and comeliness. The prophet Isaiah tells us that He was not beautiful to look upon, especially when He was on trial before the Sanhedrin. We think of the beauty of Jesus as some thing about His character and personality which makes Him attractive; it makes us want to be like Him; it makes us realize our own sinfulness and filthiness in contrast with His sublime, meek, lovable nature.

If we look within ourselves, is there anything which we could say resembles Christ's nature? We will have to confess that often our actions, words and thoughts are not Christlike. Those harsh words to a brother, that fast business deal, this non-cooperative attitude, that lack of sympathy for the hardships of a neighbor often reveal our real inner self which is realistically described in Matthew 15:19: "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."

Every one who looks honestly and squarely at himself will admit that this is true. We have nothing good within ourselves about which we could boast. The prophet says: "All our righteousness is as filthy rags." Nobody who has any aspirations to beauty wants to be clothed in filthy rags.

How then can the beauty of Jesus be seen in us? First of all, we have to be of like nature with Him. When we are born into this world we do not have a spiritual nature. We have a purely human or fleshly nature. But by the new birth, described in various passages in the Bible, we receive a new nature. We read in II Cor. 5:17: "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

We are born again when we accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord in our life. But more is required than merely claiming affiliation with Christ. We must be completely yielded to Him in every phase of our life, in our vocation, in

our recreation, and in our thought life. Then and only then will the beauty of Jesus be seen in us.

A nurse was working in a hospital. Her life after work hours was one continuous round of parties, drinking and smoking. But inwardly she was not happy. This kind of life gave her no true satisfaction and peace. In the hospital a friendship developed between herself and a Christian nurse. Daily this nurse lived her Christianity. Her worldly sister said to her: "She had a line to tow and she towed it!" The beauty of Jesus shone in her life. Eventually, because she had gained the friendship and confidence of her worldly sister she was able to lead her to Christ. Do you and I "tow the line"?

The Apostle James has a good description of the beauty of Jesus in the believer. He says, "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. If our dealings with others would always reveal these traits, then surely they would see the beauty of Jesus in us.

Dear reader, do you want the beauty of Jesus to be seen in your life? This is possible if you yield to Him completely, whatever the cost. Be determined that in every word, thought and deed you will be guided by the mind of Christ, not by Satan. You will seek your brother's advantage, not your own. You will rather speak a kind word than a harsh one. You will rather be cheated in a business deal than cheat someone else. Then people will begin to say: "He is a Christian. He has a line to tow and he tows it. The beauty of Jesus is radiating from him."

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type of public prayers I have noticed that seldom do they have the depth of the ones presented by those who have had the opportunity of meditating on the particular needs of a particular brotherhood.

Great Need for Great Work for Great Master

This was the challenge given by Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, to the women attending the sixth annual Women's Conference held at the North Kildonan M. B. church.

Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the local church, opened the service with song, Scripture and prayer. He welcomed the many guests and especially the eight returned missionaries present with Mark 10:28-30: "Lo, we have left all, and followed Thee."

Mrs. John Wiebe, home on furlough from thirty years of service in India, and attired in an Indian sari, was the first missionary to give a testimony. In India they train the girls from the villages in the compound schools to become Christian homemakers and true witnesses in the local church. "The home is the hub of the wheel, the base of the church." She further thanked the Manitoba Women's Groups for contributing the X-Ray equipment at Jadcherla Hospital.

Miss Sally Schroeder requested prayer and support for the radio work of HCJB at Quito, Ecuador. She has completed one term of work and will return there in February.

Miss Mary Toews pictured the primitive state of a woman in Africa. Although the continent is progressing socially, the woman is still slave to her husband, bought by him, bossed by him, and made to work for him. A chief of her district has 25 wives: a sign of well being. She knew of one chief who has 350 wives, necessitating a daily roll call and work assignment. May Christianity raise the lot of these poor people.

Mrs. Ben Klassen, also home from Africa, told of a school boy who had his Testament torn from his hands while witnessing at home in his village. Because he did not retaliate, the aggressor now is interested in seeking knowledge of Jesus. II Tim. 1:8: "Be not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord."

"Let us not be weary in well-doing" (Gal. 6:9) was quoted by Miss Anne Ediger of India. The friends and mission circles back home don't see the fruits of their labors; but those away from home are grateful for letters, cards, prayer and support.

Miss Catherine Willms of Africa touched our hearts with the words: "He that goeth forth and weepeth . . . shall come again with rejoicing" (Psalm 126:5). Hard work and many tears have gone into her 20 years of labor, but it is gratifying when, for instance, she remembers a young widow who once was her student. Living near the compound, she is a stalwart prayer warrior, regular church attendee and a pillar of the church.

Mrs. Abe Neufeld of Austria briefly mentioned her work with the women there. They gather in her home for Bible study, prayer, or needle-work. Mrs. Neufeld felt confident that her flock would continue to meditate and study His Word in her absence.

The work of Lydia in organizing the church at Philippi was mentioned by Rev. John Wiebe of India. If the women of India lose faith, then the church cannot stand.

Rev. J. B. Toews gave the main message of the evening, basing his words on Phil. 4:10-20. He spoke of the service of the churches in providing for the welfare of active missionaries. The missionaries and the Mission Board are the vessels used in the Lord's service, working on behalf of the members at home. They, who have gone forth, are in the front ranks of fire battling the mighty powers of evil. The strivings, heartaches and set-backs are seldom heard of or seen by those back home. Indeed they need our prayer support.

We were further advised to care for all physical needs. As the women of the Bible cared for the Master's

needs, so we should take up full responsibility of their support, instead of merely an occasional gift. There is no greater joy for a missionary than when he feels the power of prayer and financial support. "Not because I desire a gift, but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Verse 17).

Rev. Toews thanked the Manitoba mission circles for the large support in building the school at Belle Vue, Africa, and the hospital at Wanaparty, India. He named various new projects, including support of school girls and Bible students at the various mission schools. He closed his message with the challenge to care and support our missionaries continuously as a mother lovingly cares for her family through the years. The blessings will be ours as we see and meet the great needs for great work for our great Master.

Mrs. Helen Derksen, North Kildonan, and her choir rendered two appropriate numbers, "Wirke für deinen Herrn" and "Frisch und froehlich ziehn wir als Pilger hin."

The offering was designated to equip three hospital wards at Wanaparty, India. Rev. Falk thanked the speakers and Rev. John Wiebe, India, spoke the benediction.

Mrs. Helen Doerksen

Future Work Planned

Asuncion, Paraguay — A meeting of brethren in leadership responsibilities in our South American churches and conference was held in Asuncion, Paraguay, September 8 to 10. Nearly 20 brethren attended from Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil. The meeting was held to pray and plan future work of our South American Conference, particularly a training program for Christian workers. Some financial assistance was extended by the Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium) so it would be possible for some of the brethren to travel to the meeting. The brethren appreciated the presence of Brother G. W. Peters who also conducted evangelistic services in the evenings. Missionary brethren Albert Enns, J. H. Franz and G. B. Giesbrecht also attended.

This past winter will not soon be forgotten in Fernheim, Paraguay, Brother Peter Klassen reports. He writes that the following will remain in their memories: the messages by Brother G. W. Peters, the sound films by Brother H. K. Warkentin, the fully-occupied Mennonite Brethren Church building in the evenings and the many decisions for Christ. He goes on to say that streams of blessing have flowed in all of the colonies of Paraguay through the ministries of the Brethren J. H. Lohrenz, G. W. Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Warkentin.

The Fernheim Bible School in Paraguay has completed its four-month term of instruction for this

year. Students have presented programs in various churches and thus have had opportunity to give expression to that which they have learned in the classroom. The programs included a presentation entitled "Wunderbar sind Gottes Wege" (Wonderful Are God's Ways).

The new house of worship of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Xaxim near Curitiba, Brazil, was dedicated August 2. Brother Peter Janzen is the leading minister of the congregation.

An evening Bible school was held in Fernheim, Paraguay, during two winter months. Eighty-six young people from the Mennonite Brethren and Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church attended the eight sessions which had as their theme: "The Christian and His Characteristics." Instructors included the Brethren H. C. Born, Heinrich Loewen and Hans Wiens. Much-appreciated closing programs were presented on August 6 in Filadelfia and Waldesruh. Students also contributed items which were sold for the support of youth work.

Teacher Training Classes In Colombia

During the past two months we've had two short-term teacher training classes. One week was held in Istmina, Choco, and one week in LaCumbre, Valle.

In Istmina we devoted the morning session especially to the training of Sunday school teachers and the afternoon to day school teachers. Classes in organization and plan-

ning, methods and evangelism were taught. A fine group of about 19 young people attended. Lillian Schafer from the Valle, Vernon Reimer, Herta Voth and Martha Kroeker from Istmina were the teachers.

In the Valle the week was spent especially in preparing the teachers of Colegio Los Andes and the schools in the nearby villages.

As elsewhere there is also a great need here, too, for trained Christian teachers. Help us pray that some may be found not only to give short-term training courses to the young people but that long-term courses may also be offered.

(Martha Kroeker)

Facts of Interest

S.S. Attendance

Estimating that 90 per cent of all adults in the United States do not attend Sunday school, the dean of Buffalo Bible Institute told the Christian and Missionary Alliance's General Council that the idea of Sunday school being "kids' stuff" must change in this country. He said at present more than 40 per cent of children drop out of Sunday school during their high school years.

Loving a Child

Overindulgent parents are making things more and more difficult for educators by spoiling their children, says the superintendent of Cleveland Catholic schools. "Punishment at school used to be reinforced at home," he said; "now parents complain when the child is punished and the youngster plays the home against the school." He said that sometimes loving a child means "a spanking rather than a sucker."

Many Denominations

Eighty-two denominations in the United States, each with a membership of 50,000 or more, comprise 98.4 per cent of the total church membership in the United States.

Communist Divorce Case

An East German district court, granting a divorce to a communist official, ruled that his Christian wife's religious activities were responsible for the breakdown of the marriage. It declared that "in our state of workers and peasants, a man cannot be expected to remain connected with a woman who in increasing measure has turned toward the church." The communist court said the woman goes to church every Sunday morning and is active in church events at least twice a week.

There is as much greatness of mind in acknowledging a good turn as in doing it. —Seneca.

Never despair; but if you do, work on in despair. —Burke.

Challenging S.S. Convention

(Continued from page 1-3) quality. We must put God back into the training of our youth and our adults. If Christ is in the heart that life is ready to face life.

The real knowledge of the Word of God is only what is lasting and eternal. Nothing can be substituted for God. Men and women don't lose their faith in college; they had no faith to lose. We have failed to teach them the Word of God as we ought to. We must not forget in our work of the Sunday School that we have a purpose to introduce all men, women, boys and girls to our Lord Jesus Christ. Webster was asked, "What is the most important thing that ever passed through your mind?" He answered, "My responsibility to God."

There are five great things a Sunday School has to do to make it a real school:

1. Teach the Truths! They must learn to not just "be good." We must teach the value of companionship with God. There is no stopping place. Each department needs attention. There is a need for fellowship, for discussion of the home, place of God in the home. We must have a place in the church for everybody. We must teach the great doctrines of the Word of God: the essentials. Teaching must be related to life. Don't impose the facts but make them real to the pupil. DIG IN to know the Word yourself. Tape record your own teaching and then listen to it. The Word of God should challenge men and women too.

2. Graded teaching! Challenge people to their abilities. Present Christ to the pupil's level of understanding. Pray, plan and prepare to produce growth.

3. Worship! We must make them God-conscious. There must be an attitude of worship. Do you train the young people in your Sunday School to worship God? There is need for daily quiet time to learn how to study the Word, how to pray, how to worship, and to really know God. Then the life is transformed. There is an outline of prayer by Graham Scrogie. Try praying 5 minutes on each point:

1. Adoration — praise God and contemplate who He is.

2. Confession — ask for cleansing from things in your life which ought not to be there.

3. Petition — ask God for needs to be met.

4. Intercession — pray for Sunday School, workers, families, business.

5. Thanksgiving — Phil. 4:8 "Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God." If we train our young people we can expect them to be influenced for God and to be an influence for God.

4. Fellowship: Christ must be the

center. Meet for many occasions in the homes. I call the dining room in our church the "Royal Gorge." People will go where their friends are. "I would rather be on the beach with friends eating a hot dog, with a little bit of sand on it, than all alone at the Waldorf Astoria for a fine dinner. Are we really teaching people what they want and need? They need fellowship. Everybody needs Christ and His fellowship. Christ chose 12 men just to be with Him.

5. Service: Your Sunday School is an employment agency: calling, piano, secretarial, cleaning rooms, teaching, doing something. Give people something to do. Saved to Serve. The Sunday School is also a great missionary agency.

The Spiritual growth is often measured by financial obligation. Everything belongs to God. Teach to give. God's least is the tithe. You men pay \$5.00 for a ladies hat on Saturday night that makes it look like nothing but the same \$5.00 the

next morning takes on the proportions of a tuckish towel. We have a great God. The men and women who give already, wish they had more to give to God. Our Sunday School has failed to teach stewardship. When the giving increases in the church so does the spiritual growth. Give to God and God will give to you if your heart is right. When you have the right Senior partner 9/10ths is always enough.

Lets not be guilty of giving out a few facts of the Word and whittling God down to a pocket sized edition — but "How Great Thou Art." Be challenged — Be a challenge. Not just better methods and procedures are needed but a heart revival. You are going to touch another life. What is the harvest? The Holy Spirit must needs pour through your life and lips and take the word of God and reproduce it in other lives.

"Follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Golden Wedding



Rev. A. A. Loewen and His Wife Anna (nee Adrian)

Winnipeg, Man. — The Golden Wedding of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Loewen took place in the Elmwood M.B. church on June 20. Many friends and relatives had come to share the blessings of the wedding celebration.

Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood Church, opened the service with words of welcome, prayer and the reading of Psalm 84:6-8. Following this, Rev. David Dyck, present pastor of the Newton Siding M.B. Church, presented a message based on Psalm 146:5-8. Another sermon was brought by Rev. Jacob Siemens of Coaldale, Alberta. He read Gen. 18:22 and spoke on The Importance of Living Continually in God's Presence. The next message was delivered by Rev. D. D. Derksen of Boissevain, Manitoba. Having read Ex. 3:14 he dwelt on the words of the Lord, "I am that I am." These are words of comfort in view of the fact that they indicate God's presence in the

past, in the present and in the future.

A male quartet rendered several appropriate songs. Irene Loewen and Elenore Giesbrecht, grand daughters of the Loewens presented the two duet numbers, "An Jesu Hand geht's gut" and "Die Liebe Gottes." Another grand daughter, Annie Loewen, recited a poem. It was especially thrilling to hear the nine-year-old grand-son Peter Loewen sing "Wie groß bist Du."

Then followed the reception in the basement where Rev. A. H. Unruh of Winnipeg (presently Chilliwack), and Rev. Jacob Epp of Steinbach spoke words of congratulations to the couple which had now lived together for 50 years or for about 18,262 days. Rev. Loewen made a retrospect of their life and expressed gratefulness to God for His gracious leading. The meeting came to a close after the many presents had been viewed.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BOOKLETS

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AKRON—Andre Trocme Stresses Christian Nonresistance As Only Alternative To Communism

The only alternative to the forces of Communism is Christian nonresistance, emphasized Andre Trocme in presenting the tremendous urgency of the Christian pacifist witness. Rev. Andre Trocme is a pastor of the French Reformed Church, a leader in the Christian nonresistant position, of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation and a well known lecturer and an author on Christian peace concerns.

Trocme maintained that "The Christian church's objection to violent activity and its vital concern for human need springs from a deep-seated conviction that violence is not of God." He stated that faith in Jesus Christ should result quite naturally—without theorizing, rationalizing and without fear of truth—in helping our fellowmen. Using the parable of the Good Samaritan, he pointed out the Biblical foundation and justification of the church in serving suffering man. The Samaritan's actions in assisting the wounded Jew were not the results of intellectualized desires, nor were they brought about by the impulses of his conscience. The Samaritan acted completely naturally.

Explaining the nonresistant witness in the Far East, Trocme stated that Buddhism with all its claims to pacifism has fallen grossly short of its ideological assertions. Buddhism's attempts show the hunger for peace and its failures reintensify the need for the Christian witness, clearly establishing the necessity of pacifism based on a faith in Jesus Christ. "To make our witness effective in the Far East we must go beyond a typical missionary approach. We must formulate a new way to make our Christian witness appropriately convincing."

"What Christians have in common," said Trocme summarizing his description of the church's responsibility, "is infinitely more important than the details in which they differ. And a source of real unity within the church lies in the non-resistant stand." Concluding his discussion at Akron headquarters, Trocme re-emphasized that: "The only alternative to Communism is Christian nonresistance and the Communists recognize this!"

AKRON—Haiti Church Leader Visits MCC Headquarters

Rev. H. Ormonde McConnel, Deputy Chairman of the English Methodist Church in Haiti and a Church World Service worker in charge of material aid distribution, visited Mennonite Central Committee headquarters. As a result of assistance MCC is giving in a Me-

thodist operated agricultural project in Petit-Goave which McConnel directs, he came to Akron desiring to become better acquainted with American Mennonites. He visited with MCC personnel, with parents of Haiti workers, and Sunday he spoke in two Mennonite churches.

Originally coming from Ireland, McConnel has been successfully engaged in missionary activity in Haiti for the past 26 years. McConnel was among the first Haiti church leaders to encourage Mennonites to establish a program in Haiti.



Three new Voluntary Service workers left for Haiti Oct. 12 to assist in the medical program there: from left to right, Esther Eshleman, R.N. (Lititz, Pa.), Sister Hilda Mueller, R.N. (Newton, Kan.) and Dietrick Stoesz (Mountain Lake, Minn.). They will help at Hospital Albert Schweitzer, Port-au-Prince, and in a MCC-operated hospital in Grande Riviere du Nord, located in northern Haiti, which will open in early November. Sister Hilda and Stoesz will serve at the Grande Riviere du Nord hospital. Prior to her MCC assignment Sister Hilda worked as director of nursing at Bethel Deaconess Hospital (Newton, Kan.) for 10 years. Stoesz, from the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church, is to help in the hospital's maintenance; he worked in the Mt. Lake vicinity before beginning his 1-W service in Haiti. (Dr. John Bender, Shnowhill, Md. will serve as the hospital physician; he and his family arrived in Haiti Sept. 19); Miss Eshleman, who is to serve at Hospital Albert Schweitzer, worked at Grand Central Hospital in New York City before accepting her Haitian nursing duties. She has served several short terms under the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities at Homestead, Fla., helping at the migrant child care center.

AUSTRIA—MCC-Run Summer Bible Schools

With the passing of the summer months Helena Dueck (Winnipeg, Man.) Austria relief worker, reports that summer Bible school in Austria has very satisfactorily concluded and regular children's Sunday school activities have resumed in the Vienna MCC center. MCC-

sponsored vacation Bible schools—with an average attendance of 45 in each of the six-day programs.

PARAGUAY—Progress in South America Raises Living Conditions

Paraguay is showing new signs of progress, writes Frank J. Wiens (Reedley, Calif.) Paraguay MCC director. Air service is becoming very efficient. Two different jet lines are now serving Asuncion—Pan American World Airways with a 707 (American jet), Argentine Airlines with a comet (British jet); and Pluna from the Uruguay—an airlines operated in Asuncion

with a Viscount Vickers, a jet propelled type. Asuncion's new two million dollar airport is the best in South America; it is the only South American airport which can handle a fully loaded 707 jet, according to Pan American World Airway officials.

Living conditions in Asuncion are also being improved. Asuncion completed its \$14 million fresh water system. "Now," writes Wiens, "we simply go to the tap and drink purified water—and in great abundance." What once was running water—water carried in barrels by mules—has become a thing of the past.

The Most Unusual Convention

By Dave Redekop

The 22nd annual CBMCI convention has just concluded in Minneapolis. Once every year for the last 22 years, christian business and professional men from all walks of life, various nationalities, denominations and even color representing not only the North American continent but also the countries of the world, get together to proclaim Jesus as their own personal Saviour and to witness to follow buhiness men of the saving power of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This year some 900 delegates and 600 ladies headed towards Minneapolis where on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, the convention was officially opened. Fifteen Directors of the CBMCI had met constantly since early Monday, Sept. 28, in order to take up the ever growing business of the CBMCI, and to seek God's direction for the future work of our association.

Many men and women, who have visited the CBMCI convention in the past, look forward with great anticipation to a real time of fellowship with the Lord and fellow Christians. Not only is it a time of fellowship but also a time of inspiration and stimulation to be active soul winners. A great deal of time is devoted for personal testimonies of what Jesus Christ means to you in your business.

One of the greatest practical encouragements generally comes on the second day in the afternoon, when all those interested go out as Ambassadors of Good Will calling on business men witnessing to them and inviting them for the special Friday noon luncheon. This year again hundreds of men packed into the Allstates room of the Hotel Leamington in Minneapolis for the luncheon, to hear a fellow christian business man from Edmonton, Alberta. The Hon. Premier, E. C. Manning, gave a challenging address. We all appreciated hearing from one so high in authority speak so clear of the gospel of Jesus Christ. His message resulted in some souls being lead to Christ at the convention.

Although the CBMCI convention program is to a large extent in-

spirational, there is a great deal of CBMCI business that must be handled during this time. The Saturday morning is set aside for this purpose, five directors are elected each year for a term of three years and five directors must retire. A dedicated nominating committee spends hours on their knees before the Lord and also in consultation with other men to seek God's will as to who the five new men shall be to carry on the administration of CBMCI after which the final election takes place on Saturday morning.

This is also the time when the final decisions are made in connection with the coming year's program of activities. The emphasis this year will be on an enlarged foreign countries program. It is expected that at least two teams will be going to Europe to help in bringing the gospel to business men and organizing new committees. It was my pleasure and privilege to do some exploratory work on this phase in Europe this spring. Then there is the big job of translating Christian literature into foreign languages which is another item on our program. Of course, we must not forget the Follow Up of the visit of Theo. McCully and E. Stedelbauer to the Far East last winter. Then, if it is God's will, a convention is scheduled for Honolulu immediately following the Seattle convention in October 1960. The purpose for the Honolulu convention is to enable CBMCI men from Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, etc., to enjoy the blessings of a convention, who would find it impossible to come to this conference.

Through a check with different committees around the world it was established that last year some ten thousand men learned to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour through the work of the CBMCI. We are in no position to say whether this figure is correct or not, only God knows. However, be it great or small, for us, it is to witness of the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ knowing that He is almighty to save and His Word will not return void.



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

How is everybody today? Are you having a good time at school? Wasn't it grand to see the snow come? Did you get a chance to go sliding already? Maybe some of you even had a snowball fight. Did you now? Well, have fun; but be sure all the rest have fun, too. It is wonderful to see fellows and girls who are good sports in having fun, and are loving and kind as well!

By the way, have you ever thought of what the Lord wants of you and of me? Oh, I know you are thinking of living for the Lord when you grow up. Many of you think about serving the Saviour, whom you love, in some wonderful mission work. That's right, God wants you to live for Him. He asks you to serve Him. But it is not only when you grow older that He wants you, He wants you now! And so He asks something very important of you and me today. Can you think what that is?

God's Word asks much of us. We know that it tells us to attend church. It tells us also to love one another. God says that it is very, very important. We are not Christians unless we love one another. We do not have the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts unless we have love in our hearts for one another. To be true to the Lord means to love. To live for Jesus means to live in love. To serve Jesus means to serve His people and such as should be His. To tell others of Christ is most easily done when we love the ones we want to talk with. The most important thing God can ask of us and the best we can give God in this life is love, true love from all our heart, from a whole mind and with a cheerful will. That is true Christianity if we love and love, and love again.

If we ask God He will fill our hearts with such love and make us strong day by day to live in love. Then truly will we serve God and live for Him!

It is what God asks of us; it is what our heart longs to do; it is what will satisfy us; it is what will give us real joy in living. So let's be humble and honest and ask the Lord to fill our hearts and lives with love.

'Bye, all of you. Let's live to love and love to live!

Love, Aunt Anne

The Harp in the Cave

It all happened because of the missionary barrel, which was even worse than usual that year. There seemed to be every useless thing in the world in that barrel! Mother stood it well enough until they came to some sheets of old music wrapped around three handleless teacups, then she sat down and cried.

The children were puzzled. They could not understand why Mother had succeeded in holding back the tears at the ragged quilts, the ugly pictures and the horrid hats, then had cried at the sight of old music used as packing.

Father picked up one of the crumpled sheets, smoothed it out and read slowly, "Liebestraum." He paused and patted Mother's head, which was bowed into her apron. "There, there, Mother," he consoled her, "I know that it is hard for you." He sighed.

"I don't care, Joe, if I am being unreasonable!" Mother said in a defiant voice. "I want my children to know more about good music than just as packing in a missionary barrel! In spite of her defiant tone,

Mother's hand crept out to pat Father's hand as it held the music.

"But Mother," thirteen-year-old Rosemary spoke up. "You can sing us all the songs you know, and maybe some day we can study music."

"Not much chance of that daughter—" Mother gave an embarrassed little sniff, then blew her nose. "Away out here in a half-dugout house in the middle of the prairie. But, anyway, I feel better for a good cry! And I'll try to teach you girls all I can." She picked up the torn music and sat gazing at it with sad eyes.

Father cleared his throat, greatly relieved that the storm was over, then turned briskly to the unpacking of the things remaining in the barrel. As he worked, he talked. One thing, Mary, that we have to be thankful for, you must admit, and that is that we feel that my preaching is needed out here in this new country. We are doing the Lord's work."

"Yes, Joe, I know that," Mother answered. "It is a comfort to feel that we're doing right. But I guess I just get discouraged sometimes,

when I see that the children have to sacrifice, too. I do wish that Rosemary and Betty could have the joy of learning good music, as I had as a girl.

"How about us boys?" asked eleven-year-old Carl as he stood near by with Dick, Betty's twin, who was eight.

"Yes, of course, you boys, too," Mother smiled at them. "But, somehow, a girl seems to miss these things more than a boy." She dropped her hands in her lap for a moment, still holding a faded silk dress from the barrel. Presently, however, she shook her head as if to clear away the blues and said in her usual cheerful tone, "Well, whining won't help a bit! We do have a great many things to make us happy. Now, you children bustle around and finish your work, and you'll have time for that walk you've been planning. It's a beautiful day." She set the example by bustling about the business of putting away the things from the barrel.

Carl went out to feed and water Father's team and Rosemary scoured the handleless cups. Betty dried the cups for Rosemary and put them away, while Dick, the twin, brought in a bucket of water from the rain barrel behind the house. Before long the room was tidy and comfortable and the children were free to hurry off for their walk.

For miles around the home of the circuit-riding preacher and his family there stretched the endless waves of the Texas prairie. Here and there, over its vast expanse, tiny half-dugout homes battled against the fierce loneliness and, to a person unaccustomed to it, the treeless prairie seemed empty and dull. But to the four children hiking across it this spring afternoon, the prairie was a place of never-ending variety and delight.

The restless wind whispered and swished through the tough, dry grass, bringing scents of wild flowers and the sounds of whistling birds. Tiny hillocks dotted the open spaces, and on each hillock a motionless prairie-dog sat watching the approaching children with beady black eyes, ready to disappear into his hole at the slightest sign of danger. Betty's hands were soon overflowing with the sweet grass flowers, while the boys' pockets held wonderful collections of smooth pebbles and chipped arrow-heads.

A jack rabbit sprang from the grass at their feet, then dashed madly away through the clumps of sage and Spanish dagger, and Carl took after it in whooping pursuit. Soon both boy and rabbit were lost to sight over the swells of the ground.

Presently the three slower walkers could see Carl's waving cap and hear his faint shout. He seemed to be standing on something higher than the level of the plain, for he had appeared suddenly to their view.

yet he was still so far away that they could not understand the words he was shouting at them.

Walking quickly, they soon came up with him and discovered that he was standing on some sort of mound.

"What's that you're standing on, Carl?" Rosemary asked.

"I don't know exactly, Sis." Carl pounded his heel against the hard-packed ground under his foot. "I was chasing that rabbit, and fell over a rock, and landed on this pile."

"Hey!" Dick, who had been exploring while the others were talking, gave a surprised shout, "Here's a door!" He tugged at a heavy wooden door that seemed to be lying flat against the mound of earth.

Carl rushed to help Dick, while Rosemary's warning, "Be careful, boys!" went unheeded.

They tugged manfully, but the heavy door stuck fast.

"Help us, Sis," Carl asked his sister, and Rosemary and Betty added their efforts to open the door. Presently they could feel it give a little. "Hey, it's coming!" yelled Carl, and all four of them gave a mighty tug, lifted the door open, and let it fall backward against the ground with a loud "plop."

They peered wonderingly down into the dark hole thus opened up, and saw that crude steps had been cut into the dirt of the sloping entry. But they could not see beyond the steps.

"Let's go down there and see what we can find," suggested Carl.

"I wouldn't go down there for— for a million dollars!" shuddered Rosemary.

"Maybe there's bears, 'n lions, 'n tigers," quivered Betty, and drew closer to her sister.

"Aw, I'm not afraid," declared Dick in a shaking voice.

"There aren't any bears or lions or tigers in Texas," Carl told Betty in a matter-of-fact tone. Come on Dick, we'll see what's in that cave." He started forward.

"Carl Wilkins, don't you dare go in there!" Rosemary commanded. "There's no telling what you'll find!"

But Carl headed for the mouth of the cave, whereupon Dick followed, looking worried.

Seeing that they were determined to go in, Rosemary took a deep breath and headed after them. "If you two are going, I guess I'd better go too," she said.

"Ow!" shrieked Betty. "Don't you dare leave me!" She plunged after Rosemary.

Down the steps went the little procession, easing along over the loosening dirt. They peered into the darkness, trying to see what lay ahead.

At the bottom of the steps they paused uncertainly. Behind them lay the sunlit world and ahead lay a dark gloom.

As they hesitated, their eyes be-

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But Not Forsaken ☆

by Helen Good Brenneman

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(30th Installment)

Her words were full of pity.

"I can't tell him. I don't want to be anywhere around when he finds out. Oh, Maria, I feel so sorry for him."

Maria was at a loss to know what to say.

"God is also in Paraguay, Frieda."

"Yes, but my mother and brother and sisters won't be."

"You've given yourself away, my dear. Your pity is not all directed toward Franz."

Elfrieda grinned through her tears.

"I'm so glad I have you to talk to, Maria," she said. "I haven't had the heart to tell this to the folks. And I'm so mixed up. I never knew that I would get into such a predicament."

Maria sat in silence, for she realized that Elfrieda wanted understanding from her more than counsel. She remembered how they had met in Poland, and how they had learned to know one another almost as well as if they had been sisters.

Time had dragged during those days at the Stony City camp, for there was nothing to do, living quarters were stuffy and crowded, and there was continued fear of the constantly advancing Communist army. One day they had been sitting together in a corner of the large, ugly room, and Elfrieda had told them all about her past.

Born in a beautiful little village in the Ukraine, Elfrieda's early childhood had been happy and normal. She could remember going barefoot with her mother to a large, attractive Mennonite church. She remembered celebrating Christmas and exchanging gifts.

But the year 1930 marked the beginning of a bad time for her, as it did for all of them. Churches were closed, preachers were verschleppt to Siberia, land was confiscated, property turned over to the Kollektiv, and friends and relatives sent north to work.

Elfrieda's grandparents on her mother's side were sent away, but those on her father's side stayed with them, living on the scanty rations of the family because there were no old people's pensions any more. Since Elfrieda's parents, like all other adults, were required to work long hours in the Kollektiv, the old people cared for the children. An aged saint, Elfrieda's grandfather refused to give up his faith. Until the day he died he secretly read Scripture and taught the children to sing and pray.

They kept hoping that it wouldn't happen to them. So many other fathers had been dragged from their weeping families. But it did. On March 21, 1938, at 2:00 a.m., an auto drove up to the house and a man knocked, not on the door, but on the window.

"Get ready—you have to go fast," the heartless voice called, and crying did no good. Mother packed a quick lunch and Papa whispered in her ear, "Pray for me; perhaps the dear Saviour will return me to you."

Then he went away in the wagon, never to be seen or heard from again. Everyone wept in his bed; gloom hung heavy over them all. Mother leaned hard on the Lord, knelt with Grandmother, and prayed long into the morning. A baby was coming, a frail little thing that managed to live in spite of it all.

The years following were difficult. Mother continued to work hard. Elfrieda wanted to go to high school but couldn't.

It was in 1941 that the German-Russian war broke out and all men between sixteen and sixty-four were evacuated, walking under police guards. On October 2, in one hour, all German-speaking women and children, between seven and eight thousand, were loaded with their luggage and taken to the railway station. Watched by the Communists, they sang Christian songs to keep up their spirits. Four fearful days and nights they lay in the station, the Germans coming closer. Light flashed into the station from the near-by fields. When the Communists, on the fifth day, were pushed back, the women and children were permitted to return to their homes.

Elfrieda, during this time, had not been at the terminal with the others. She had been forced to dig trenches in another part of the country. When she finally returned to her home and saw that her people were still there, a wonderful reunion followed.

"We no longer need to pray for Elfrieda. Now we need fear only for Papa," they had said.

With the Germans occupying their territory, a new life began. But the good period was short-lived. On September 11, 1943, Elfrieda, along with thousands of other German-speaking people, fled in the wake of the German army westward. Thus began the long, wearisome trek, the miles of aching travel, frosted feet, and fatal illnesses. Making the last lap of the journey by train, the family finally arrived

in a refugee camp on the Polish border, where they were quartered for the winter.

Again by train, Elfrieda and her family were next sent to Stony City, where, despite the difference in their ages, Maria and Elfrieda became close friends. Maria stayed there until the Communists again closed in, but Elfrieda and her mother had gone on by that time and had settled themselves farther west, hoping that this move would be their last. Her mother and aunt working on a farm, the little child in school, her sister away at agricultural school, and her brother stationed a number of miles away on a farm, Elfrieda determined once more to go to school. Thus she enrolled in a secretarial course. One last happy Christmas the family spent together, but on January 10, 1945, they separated once more.

And then it happened again. The Communists were coming; there was nothing to do but flee. Hoping to return to study again, Elfrieda packed her goods and her food on a wagon and fled with the other students ahead of the advancing army. They had no overshoes, and their feet became blistered, but the cannons roared behind them and they trudged wearily onward. With her mother only ten kilometers away, Elfrieda felt that she must go to her, but there was no time. Taking a train to Berlin, the entire school determined to stay together and went on to the South German Alps, where they were finally sent out to work for farmers.

It was no wonder, Maria thought, that Elfrieda could scarcely bear thinking of another separation from her family. For locating them had been long and trying. Most people were not so fortunate as she. Finding her sister Herta in the American Zone, Elfrieda had accompanied her to the British Zone, where they had a frightening encounter with Communist officials who urged them to return to their homeland. Secretly hoping to get across the Dutch border, they immediately left for Gronau, where they found crossing the border impossible.

That is where the MCC had come in. For many other Mennonites, like Elfrieda, knowing that their forefathers who settled the Ukraine were originally from Holland, had tried unsuccessfully to cross into the Netherlands. So many had come to Gronau with this hope, in fact, that when their American brethren discovered them, they set up a camp for those who had congregated there. From this camp they worked out into the western zones.

Herta and Elfrieda had managed to keep in contact with their mother and baby sister, who were still having a trying time in Poland. Abram, who had slipped across the border into the British Zone, was also corresponding with their mother. When he found out his sisters were in Gronau, he joined them, anxious

about their mother, the three discussed their problem with the MCC. The MCC representative in Poland was contacted and through his help Elfrieda's mother finally arrived in Germany. Elfrieda was thrilled whenever she thought of how her family, with the exception of her father, was together once more.

Remembering Elfrieda's past, Maria looked at the young woman on the cot and felt desperately sorry for her. Happiness seemed for her like a bright-colored toy held in front of a baby and snatched away just as the child would almost have it in his grasp.

"Don't you see, Maria, what this means?" Elfrieda asked at length, her face stormy with the struggle that raged within her.

"The trouble is that we love each other. I love Franz, and I don't mind admitting it—to you. Franz will quickly adjust to making a home in Paraguay. He is strong and sure of himself and courageous. But after all these troublesome years of trying to keep our family together, an ocean and a continent will still lie between us."

Elfrieda sat up, poised on the edge of the cot, and Maria put her arm around her.

"I know why he hasn't proposed to me, Maria. It is because he was uncertain about his future and he knew what he would be asking of me. But it will come, and soon."

CHAPTER XXVI

The day hung low and gloomy over the drab army barracks that Hans called home. Discouraged and downcast, he lay on the bunk and nursed his backache. He suspected that were he able to find a job, that backache would disappear in a moment, for the uncertainty of things since he had come to the government camp in Kassel was far more difficult than a heavy day's work.

Two months had passed since Hans had successfully crossed the border "black," but still he had no job. The refugee, unneeded and unwanted in a crowded society, was the last to be hired and the first to be fired. His companions in misery, bored and aimless, stood around in the halls, shuffled in and out of the rooms, and grumbled to themselves and one another.

Yesterday it had been worse. Several rooms up the hall there had been a knife fight between two men who had had a little too much to drink. And those men had been fathers, with their helpless wives and children looking on. What right had they to have their children with them, so undeserving they were of their good luck? How unjust God was, if there was a God, to snatch a fine woman like Maria away to an earthly hell, and at the same time let other families hang together, though they bickered among themselves and though the men beat their wives and neglected their children. (To be concluded)

Why Do Mennonite Communities Choose German as the Second Language?

By D. K. Dürksen

Before answering this question, I should like to make a few introductory remarks: First, in the last decade the educational authorities of North America have begun to stress the importance of learning one or two foreign languages in public schools. Secondly, all languages are good because God gave them to the human race. If that is the case, then it is evident that nobody has a right to hate or to despise any language. Thirdly, a child can do practically nothing in choosing the mother tongue. It is born into the family and naturally learns to speak the language of its parents. When our children, however, have to learn a second language, one from more than 2000 languages must be chosen. How can that be done? There are two important factors that should determine the choice of a second language for the children.

1. Will the second language be of any practical value for the child?

a) If the Mennonite communities generally choose the German language, they have selected one that is spoken by Mennonites in Europe, Asia, North and South America. The knowledge of German will enable our children in the future to have close fellowship with their brethren and sisters all over the world.

b) There are many literary and scientific books published only in the German language. Anyone who knows this language has access to these valuable works.

c) Approximately 100,000,000 Germans speak this language. One who knows it, will have the opportunity to do social and missionary work in German communities.

d) Tourists and travellers who know English and German can travel practically through any country. They will generally find someone with whom they can talk.

e) The following question was asked: "Why do you learn German in school?" A girl gave this answer: "So that we could speak to grandmother. That was a good reply. It is really a tragedy if grandparents cannot converse with their grandchildren whom they love as their own children."

f) Our older generation as a whole understands the German language better than the English. In order that the young and older people could have mental and spiritual fellowship, the young people will have to know the language of their parents. This is still important for many communities.

2. Can the language be learned easily?

a) It is comparatively easy for our children to learn the German

language because it is closely related to the English and to the Low German languages.

b) Many parents and many older brothers and sisters of the school children still know and speak German. This enables them to help the youngsters in their language study.

c) There are still many teachers in public and in church schools who can teach German. We are totally unprepared to teach French, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese or any other foreign language in our schools.

d) Our churches have been a great help to children and young people in learning German. Listening to German sermons, many learned to understand and appreciate the language, just as the older people learned to understand and to appreciate English by listening to English sermons. We still have these opportunities for the young and for the old people in most of our churches.

Let us examine and ponder these thoughts about choosing the second language without prejudice and do our best in this field for the sake of our children.

Recruiting Manitobans For MCC

Waterloo, Ont. — The Canadian Headquarters office of the Mennonite Central Committee is planning a special recruitment effort in Manitoba during the last week of October. Two representatives will visit Winnipeg, Steinbach, and Altona in order to interview persons interested in the world-wide relief and service ministry of the Committee.

MCC at the present time engages about 450 workers who serve in relief, Pax, Voluntary service, mental health, juvenile delinquency and other related fields. Geographically this work is done in Paraguay, Europe, Jordan, India, Indonesia and other countries abroad as well as in the United States and Canada. Workers from the most important part of the Organization and its service in behalf of the seventeen different sponsoring church groups. All service is rendered "In the Name of Christ" and is intended as a witness of Christian love in areas of tension, need and neglect.

The MCC representatives are anxious to meet with anyone who might be interested in a term of service either in North America or abroad. The work assignments are not easy, but provide a great challenge to the Christian dedication, devotion, and ingenuity of those who would be ready to volunteer to serve others. Those who cannot consider entering service immediately, but who have an interest in Christian service through MCC sometime in

the future are also invited to contact our representatives.

Appointments may be made as follows:

Tuesday, October 27

Menno Travel Service Office,
302 Power Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Tel. WH 2-1849

Wednesday, October 28

%D. W. Friesen & Sons Ltd.
Altona, Manitoba,
Tel. Altona 28

Thursday, October 29

Rev. G. S. Rempel,
Steinbach, Manitoba,
Tel. Steinbach 54 R11.

Friday, October 30

302 Power Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Tel. WH 2-1849

There are openings for nurses, Paxmen, administrators and others within the program of MCC. Christians, who are members of their Churches in good standing are invited to consider a term of service.

Health and Medicine

Dangers In Socialized Medicine

Leo E. Brown of Chicago, director of the communications division for the American Medical Association says the AMA faces the threat of a government-controlled medical system.

Mr. Brown told the Manitoba Medical Association convention that social planners, political spokesmen and their supporters have been increasing efforts to enact various fringe proposals with the ultimate objective of a welfare state.

His address was the second in two days at the convention dealing with government medical policies.

Mr. Brown said the AMA is deeply concerned about "the most ominous proposal" which would provide hospital and medical benefits for social security beneficiaries. A bill now in Congress would involve service benefits of unpredictable cost, he said.

It would put the federal government into an area of health care in which it is badly equipped to function. It would cripple and gradually replace voluntary health insurance, jeopardize the traditional doctor-patient relationship and open the gates to socialized medicine.

The American medical profession contends that problems of the aged cannot be solved through medical and hospital benefits, Mr. Brown said. Aging is a community responsibility and must be met at a social level.

Typhus Epidemic

Sixty persons in central Java have been "positively affected" by a typhus epidemic and 2,000 others have shown symptoms of the disease, the Indonesian news agency Antara reported Monday.

Canadian Health Plans

According to the most recent surveys, nearly half of the Canadian population is covered by some form of prepaid medical plan.

Dr. J. W. Willard, of Ottawa, director of the research and statistics division for the department of national health and welfare said that the most recent survey, completed in 1957, indicated 4,100,000 persons receiving coverage in non-profit plans, and 3,700,000 covered by commercial health policies. From 1956 to 1957 there was a 14 per cent increase in the number covered by non-profit plans, and an eight per cent increase in the commercial field.

Another tendency in Canada, said Dr. Willard, is for doctors to go into group practice. Here again the most recent survey is out of date, since it covers only up to 1954.

At that time there were 877 medical groups across Canada with 2,838 doctors affiliated—which accounted at that time for 25 per cent of all physicians in Canada in private practice.

Dr. Willard said there has been a great growth in occupational or industrial health services in Canada.

"In addition to this," he said, "there have been important developments in rehabilitation services in the workmen's compensation program."

Other new developments taking on increasing importance in Canada are medical studies in water pollution, problems of industrial waste, air pollution in large cities, and radiation in Canada, the meeting was told.

Blindness Checked

Niagara Falls, Ont. — Experiments with a new drug to combat glaucoma, the most common cause of blindness in this country, have reaped positive results in tests conducted with eight patients, Dr. Herbert Fitterman of Vancouver said.

The name of the new drug is anthranilic. The Vancouver doctors started using the drug following publications of a report on its effectiveness in a Japanese medical journal.

The Harp in the Cave

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came more accustomed to the half-light of the cave, and they drew closer together.

"I—I see something," quavered Betty in a fearful voice.

"So do I," whispered Dick.

The others looked more closely into the semi-darkness before them. Surely enough, wavering there in the dimness, something tall and shining stood before them!

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This is the beginning of the very interesting story called, "The Harp in the Cave." This 161-page book can be had for only \$2.00 at
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Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Church Denies Idea of Hell

Toronto (CP) — The United Church of Canada committee on Christian faith made public a book entitled *Life and Death; a Study of the Christian Hope*.

The Telegram in a review describes it as "an outspoken and unprecedented statement of Christian views on life and death."

The Telegram says the book, resulting from five years of study and research by scholars in Toronto, Montreal and Kingston:

Denies the existence of the soul as a separate and sacred part of a human being;

Affirms belief in personal survival after death;

Rejects the idea of hell as a place of everlasting torment;

Suggests that prayer may benefit the dead;

Warns against too-literal interpretation of biblical language;

And inclines toward the doctrine of universalism. That ultimately no one will be eternally damned.

Church, State Join In Quebec Ceremonies

Quebec, Que. — Church and state joined Wednesday to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the arrival of Canada's first Roman Catholic bishop.

Solicitor-General Leon Balcer, representing the federal government; Premier Paul Sauve, representing the Quebec government, and cardinals of the church spoke at a banquet honoring the establishment by Msgr. Francois de Montmorency-Laval of the church hierarchy in Canada.

Seventh-day Baptists

The Seventh-day Baptist denomination was founded at Newport, Rhode Island, in 1671. Currently it has some 6,000 members in 60 congregations. Its headquarters are in Plainfield, New Jersey. Seventh-day Baptists observe Saturday as their Sabbath.

Theological Discussions

Ten representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and an equal number from Eastern Orthodox churches will convene in Venice, Italy, next year for "theological discussions of interest to both churches," according to a Vatican Radio broadcast reported by Religious News Service.

CANADASCOPE

Canada's Fire Losses

More than one billion dollars is the sum of property destroyed by

fire in Canada during the last ten years. This far exceeds the loss of any other decade in our history. An estimated 16,000 were seriously injured and scarred and 5,355 lost their lives.

In 1958 there were 86,563 fires in Canada, 529 persons lost their lives and there was an estimated loss of property which amounted to \$116 millions.

Fire Insurance Companies warn therefore to check: cracks in chimneys, overloaded circuits, gas leaks, water tanks, faulty wiring and fire extinguishers. There are also a number of Don'ts to be heeded, namely: Don't smoke, don't clean clothing with gasoline or inflammables, don't leave oily rags in the kitchen closets, garage or basement, don't be negligent in burning rubbish or grass, don't leave matches near children and don't give fire a place to start.

Criminality in Canada

By Ellen L. Fairclough
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

A statistical study of criminality in Canada for the period 1951-1954 shows that the incidence of crime for the foreign-born is one half the incidence for the native-born; for every 10,000 males between the ages of 15 and 45 and average of 42.8 foreign-born were convicted compared with an average of 86.6 native-born.

The experiences of the United States and Australia in the matter of immigrant criminality have been similar. Both countries report that foreign-born crime rates have been considerably lower than those of the native-born population.

It would be particularly unfortunate if Canadians were given the impression that immigrants are notorious for their criminality and I welcome this opportunity to record the actual facts.

Immigrants from many countries have made, and will continue to make, a most valuable contribution to Canada's development. Their behavior, like their industry and their determination, is well above average.

Death of W. C. W. Miller

W. C. "Walley" Miller, Liberal member of the Manitoba Legislature for Rhineland, died in Grace hospital, Winnipeg, Saturday, Oct. 3, after a brief illness.

His illness came so swiftly that many members of his own party or his constituents did not know he was sick. He was always most active and seldom spoke of his own infirmities.

Funeral services were held from Thomson's Funeral Chapel, Winnipeg, on Tuesday at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. Hugh McLeod officiating. He chose as his text for the services the 23rd Psalm. Organist was Mrs. McCandless. Interment was at Garry Memorial Park on McGillivray Boulevard.

About 400 persons attended the services, among them the Premier, Cabinet ministers and other government officials, as well as a host of friends from his constituency.

Minister of Education in the Campbell administration until its defeat in the July 1958 election Wally Miller had been in political life since 1936 when, as a Conservative, he won election to the provincial house as member for Rhineland constituency.

Canada's Donation

Under the Mutual Aid Program, Canada has donated to France almost one hundred training aircraft. They comprise "Harvard" piston-engined basic trainers, twin-engined "Expeditor" navigation trainers and light transports, and "Silver Star" advanced jet trainers. This is a further contribution which Canada has made to NATO and thus to the common defence of the West. Similar gifts of aircraft have been recently made to Turkey, Greece, and Portugal.

Atoms-for-Peace Inspection

Washington, USA. — Chairman John A. McCone of the Atomic Energy Commission announced he was flying to Russia for a 10-day inspection of atoms-for-peace plants.

"We expect to see everything we want to see," Mr. McCone told a news conference. "I am sure the trip is going to be very comprehensive."

He said his Soviet counterpart, Vasily Emelyanov, will make a reciprocal 10-day tour of American non-defence atomic installations, probably next month.

Purpose of the exchange is to swap non-secret data and techniques in the field of peaceful atomic and hydrogen power. The agreement was worked out, Mr. McCone said, during the recent American visit of Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Mr. McCone said the reciprocal visits may be a forerunner of some kind of co-operation between the United States and Russia in the atoms-for-peace field.

Israel's Ben-Gurion

"Israel will not lag behind any country in the world, if a general world disarmament plan, carried out honestly and in good faith, is adopted." This was stated by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister, in response to a request by Menahem Barash, of the "Yediot Aharonot" newspaper, for his reaction to Mr. Khrushchev's disarmament proposal.

"Mr. Khrushchev's proposal," the

Prime Minister said, "amounts in fact to the acceptance of the plan of Isaiah the prophet, who proposed comprehensive and complete disarmament ('and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks'), the closing of military academies 'nor shall they not learn war any more', and the prohibition of all war ('nation shall not lift up sword against nation')."

"If only effective supervision and the honest implementation of Isaiah's plan are assured, according to the conditions of our day," Mr. Ben-Gurion continued, "Mr. Khrushchev's proposal should be willingly adopted. Of course, all armies in all countries should be dissolved, without exception, and all countries should be given a share in the control."

"Nationwide Program for Peace"

More than 100 top-ranking denominational officials assembled in Washington September 9 in behalf of the National Council of Churches' year-long "Nationwide Program for Peace."

When speaking to President Eisenhower, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, NCC president said, "We want you to know that during the year from now to next summer the members of our churches will be making a special study of the issues which face our nation and the world, through a nationwide Program of Education for Peace, so that they may act with increasing responsibility as Christian citizens." In a 1,000-word statement in reply, Eisenhower said he was appreciative.

The New Federal Cabinet Ministers

The appointment of Mr. David Walker, M. P. for the Toronto riding of Rosedale, to be Minister of Public Works, and of Mr. Pierre Sevigny, M.P. for Longueuil, Quebec, to be Associate Minister of Defence, brings the federal Cabinet to its full strength of 23. It also clears the deck for Mr. Howard Green who will now be able to devote all his time to the exacting job of being Canada's Minister of External Affairs. He had previously turned over the leadership of the House of Commons to Trade Minister Churchill. Now Mr. Walker has taken charge of the government department which Mr. Green headed before the death of Dr. Sidney Smith.

Mr. Walker is 54, a Toronto lawyer with much experience in business and local government.

Mr. Sevigny is a construction company executive. He is 41. The scion of a prominent French-Canadian family — his father, Hon. Albert Sevigny, was a Cabinet minister under Sir Robert Borden in 1917, and is now Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec.

Weddings

Loewen—Harder

Miss Susie Harder, daughter of the Rev. and the late Mrs. H. P. Harder of Winkler, Man., and Mr. Henry Loewen, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. Loewen of Winkler, Man., were married in the Winkler M. B. church on October 3, 1959.

Rev. J. H. Quiring officiated, assisted by Mr. John Klassen, cousin of the groom. Miss Elizabeth Labun and Mr. Frank Funk were soloists. The bride, who was a former nurse at the Bethel hospital, had most of her fellow workers helping with the serving at the reception. The young couple will reside in Winnipeg.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Thiessen, Namaka, Alta., a son, David George, on September 23, 1959—a brother to Victor.

Mr. Jacob Penner and his wife Selma (nee Kroeker) of Winnipeg, Man., are pleased to announce the birth of a son George Wesley, a brother to Esther Ruth, on October 12, 1959.

Obituaries

Frank Hildebrand's Burial

Winkler, Man.—Funeral services were held from the Winkler Bergthaler church on Saturday, Sept. 26, for Frank Hildebrand, 32, who died in a Winnipeg hospital on Sept. 23 following a lengthy illness.

Services were conducted by Bishop J. Pauls of Winkler and the Rev. G. Lohrenz of Winnipeg. During the service a group of friends sang "Selig in Jesu Armen," "The Lights of Home" and "Wenn Friede mit Gott."

Mr. Hildebrand was born in Russia on Sept. 2, 1927, to Mrs. Jake Hildebrand and the late Mr. Hildebrand. At the age of 23 he came to Canada with his mother.

Besides his mother, he is survived by one brother, Jake. His father died in a Siberian labour camp when Frank was 13. A sister also predeceased him at an early age.

Mrs. Kruger Dies

Altona, Man.—Mrs. Helena Krueger, 74, wife of Jacob M. Krueger, of Hochstadt, Altona, died on September 27 at 11 p.m. During the last eight weeks of critical illness she was a patient in the Bethel hospital in Winkler for two weeks and the last six weeks in Winnipeg Concordia Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted from the Rudnerweider church in

Neubergthal on October 1, with the Rev. B. W. Sawatzky from Winnipeg officiating, assisted by G. A. Braun of Altona.

Mrs. Krueger was born in the village of Neubergthal on January 31, 1885. This was also the place where she was united in marriage to Mr. Krueger in 1905. They made their home in Neubergthal the first three years of their marriage and after that moved to Hochstadt, where they have lived ever since.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mary, Mrs. J. W. Sawatzky, a polio patient in King George hospital, Winnipeg; four sons, Jake, John and Henry, Hochstadt, and Ben, Dominion City; 10 grandchildren and one brother, P. F. Hamm, Neubergthal.

Two children predeceased her in their infancy.

Instant Death

Plum Coulee, Man.—Tina Bergman of the Plum Coulee district was instantly killed when the car in which she was riding was hit by a car driven by John A. Fehr of the village of Neuenberg near Winkler. Miss Bergman was a passenger in a car driven by her brother David Bergman of Plum Coulee and heading south on a country road 5 miles south and 2 east of Winkler when the car was struck by Fehr, who was heading west.

According to police, the Bergman car was thrown into a spin from the impact of the Fehr car. Bergman, his wife Helen, and sister Sara and Tina were all thrown from the car. Tina Bergman died of head injuries which police believe were received when she was thrown from the vehicle. The other occupants were bruised and shaken up but suffered no further injuries.

Mr. Fehr was badly shaken up and suffering from shock. He was detained over night in hospital at Winkler, but released the following day.

Rev. Henry R. Reimer Dies at Steinbach

Rev. Henry R. Reimer, 83, of the Steinbach Invalid Home, formerly of Lorette, Man., died Sunday. He was a minister for more than 40 years and was promoter of the Mennonite Central Committee, a world-wide relief organization. He is survived by five sons and six daughters. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Prairie Rose Evangelical Mennonite Church, Rev. David P. Reimer officiating.

Truck Kills Boy, 2

Two-year-old Eldon Roy Reimer, of East Giroux, Man., died of a fractured skull Saturday night after he was hit by a truck operated by a relative at his farm home.

Police said the child was playing in the farmyard when the truck,

driven by an uncle, backed in to him. Dr. Anthol Thompson, of Riverton, Man., investigated and said there would be no inquest.

God's Measurement

Have you ever tried measuring an object, e.g., your desk, and found that regardless of which end you started with, you ended up with the same number of inches or feet?

But this will not work in measuring our Christian living. Sometimes we are tempted to begin our measuring at the wrong end! Perhaps, we measure with standards of the world, neighbors, or someone else in our church. We're not so bad; we don't do that. Our family has never had the troubles Jon's had. What a mess Bob's family is in. And so it goes, on and on. Isn't this approach to measuring our spiritual living falling far short of God's measurement for Christian conduct?

When men compare themselves among themselves, their measurements are inaccurate and faulty. To grow spiritually one needs positive and infinite, yea, divine standards as a "rule."

God's living Word measures the true worth of a man's character, and bares his heart before his all-seeing God. "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart" (Prov. 21:2, RSV). It is man's duty to search eagerly God's Word and obey it. "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Ps. 1:2, RSV).

"None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself... Whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living" (Rom. 14:7-9, RSV). "So each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12, RSV).

It seems to me that by measuring ourselves by God's standard we grow toward maturity in our Christian living.

(By Mrs. Carl Rudy)

A Jewish-Canadian Anniversary

There are now more than a quarter million persons of the Jewish faith resident in Canada. They are a thriving community who have contributed much to the development of the country. Their influence on public life is commensurate to their numbers: they sit in parliament and in the provincial legislatures; they are serving as mayors of Canadian cities; they hold important appointments in the civil service and in the armed forces; and they are very prominent in the cultural life of Canada. Not that there is no anti-semitism in Canada—unfortunately, racial intolerance exists here, too. But the Canadian Jews are under no disability, legal or factual, to go as far as any citizen of

this country. It is a sad comment on our times that this should not be so everywhere in the world, and that in fact Canada belongs to that minority among the countries of the earth where the rights of the individual are not dependent on his creed or race.

The first Jewish settler in Canada arrived in 1759. He was Aaron Hart, who came just two hundred years ago with the British Army which under General Wolfe conquered Quebec. He remained in Canada, settled in Three Rivers, Quebec, and founded there a family which is still playing a prominent part in Canadian life.

In 1832, earlier than in any other part of the British Empire of those days, an act was passed in Canada which gave to the Jews the "full rights and privileges of all other subjects." On October 30 of this year, in Montreal, at a celebration of the bicentenary of Canadian Jewry, a member of the Hart family, Alan Hart, will present a copy of that Act of Emancipation to the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec.

Among the most prominent members of the first Jewish Canadian family are two historians, Adolphus Mordecai and Adolphus' son, Gerald Epraim. The latter was the author of an outstanding work, "The Fall of New France." It deals with the events which, two hundred years ago, also brought his great great grandfather to Canada, the first Jew to settle in this country.

Power Increase for CFAM, Altona

Ottawa.—The board of broadcast governors recommended a daytime power increase from 5,000 to 10,000 watts for radio station CFAM in Altona, Man.

Night power of the station will remain unchanged at 5,000 watts.

The board recommended denial of licenses for new radio stations at Estevan, Sask., Stettler, Alta., and Kamloops, B.C.

It recommended the licensing of a new private TV station in Grand Falls, Nfld., the board rejected a CBC proposal to establish an outlet of its own in the central Newfoundland town.

Schooling of Doukhobors

The Sons of Freedom sect of the Doukhobors has at long last given in to the demand of the British Columbia government that Freedomite children go to public schools until the age of 15 just like any other Canadian children. Members of the sect, which for decades has opposed authority, had previously refused to allow this, and the children had been held in a government dormitory in New Denver, B.C., to ensure their school attendance. They have now been returned to their parents with the understanding that they will henceforth go to school voluntarily.

Colleges and Schools

Canadian Mennonite Bible College

The official opening program of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College will take place on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2:30 p.m., in the College auditorium, 600 Roblin Ave., Tuxedo, Man.

The inauguration of the newly-elected president Rev. Henry Poettker, will take place in connection with the opening program.

The College Board has asked the churches of the Conference to designate October 18 as Education Sunday with particular reference to the Bible College in order that the churches may be with the College in spirit on this festive occasion.

In connection with the opening services an offering will be taken. It is hoped that in all churches of the Conference a similar offering will be taken.

It is hoped that the members of the churches might be reminded of the Conference resolution which would provide \$2.00 from each member to cover the operating budget and a minimum of \$2.00 per member for the liquidation of the building debts.

Bethel College

Newton, Kansas. — Vincent Harding, associate pastor of the Woodlawn Mennonite Church in Chicago, spoke in the Christian Life Week series sponsored by the Student Christian Fellowship Oct. 5-8.

Meetings were held twice daily, at 9:45 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m., in the Bethel College Mennonite church.

Mr. Harding is a Negro minister serving in a racially integrated ministry. Rev. Delton Franz is the white minister serving the Woodlawn church.

The morning series of lectures centered around the topic "The Dangers of Being a Christian in a Modern World," and the evening services were on "Racial Conflict; the Agony of Our Time."

Goshen College

Goshen, Indiana. — The opening of the current school year is significant in several ways. One of the most significant is that 20% more students enrolled at Goshen this fall than enrolled last year. 791 enrolled in the college this fall as compared to 665 in 1958-59. There is a slight increase in the seminary enrollment also. Including part-time students, Goshen is serving well over 1,000 students this year.

To keep in step with a greatly enlarged student body, the institution completed two large new buildings for use this fall and added seven members to the faculty.

The recently completed church chapel is a square structure with

the auditorium occupying a circular area in the center. The congregation is thus grouped around the speaker never at a distance greater than sixty feet.

Added to the faculty for the new year were Russel Liechty, Dean of Men; Jess Yoder, Assistant Professor of Speech; Ed. Herr, Instructor in Physical Education; Lon Sherer, Assistant Professor of Music; Catherine Hernley, Instructor in Nursing; Esther Eby, Teacher of the Laboratory Kindergarten; and John Litwiler, Interim Instructor in Missions in the seminary.

Winners of Winkler Collegiate Institute

Winkler, Man. — Three graduates from the Winkler Collegiate Institute have been singled out to receive government scholarships in this area, it was announced by Hon. Steward E. McLean, Minister of Education, this week. A total of 36 scholarships were awarded.

The winners were Amy Penner, first, \$150 scholarship; Pat Hyde, second, \$100 scholarship and Margaret Dyck, third, \$50 scholarship.

Letters were mailed to the students advising that they had been awarded from \$50 to \$150 in government scholarships based on standings obtained by writing six High School Examination Board examinations.

Those students who attained the highest marks in each district receive \$150; \$100 and \$50 were awarded to the students placing second and third.

Students, in order to qualify for receipt of the money, must continue their education at the University of Manitoba, affiliated colleges, Manitoba Teacher's College, or other such course or institution approved by the minister.

Bluffton College Development Program

Bluffton, Ohio. — Ground breaking services for a new music hall on the Bluffton College campus Saturday, Oct 3, marked the official opening of a new 10-year, \$900,000 development program at the college.

Details of the long-range expansion program, designed to increase facilities to accommodate 500 students, were announced by President L. L. Ramseyer at the evening Homecoming banquet.

The new music hall will cost an estimated \$180,000, of which \$145,000 has already been contributed through special gifts. It is expected that construction will get under way this fall.

The 126x77 foot building will be of modified Georgian architecture, featuring red brick in harmony with most other buildings on the campus.

Bluffton College enrollment has been growing steadily for the past six years, increasing from slightly over 200 in 1952-53 to 364 this year.

A year ago this past summer the administration held meetings with representatives of the Bluffton college alumni, church constituency and other interested friends. It was the consensus of these meetings that the college should expand to be able to handle a minimum of 500 students, and that the various interested groups would help to provide the financial support to make this possible.

Eastern Mennonite College

Harrisonburg, Virginia. — Eleven new members joined the faculty, bringing the total number of faculty members for both high school and college to 66.

Five faculty members are on leave for advanced study.

President Mumaw with other members of the administrative staff are devoting considerable time to the endowment drive for \$300,000 for accreditation purposes. As of Sept. 10 the total was about \$94,000.

Books Published

Two faculty members have recently authored two books. Harry A. Brunk has published the first of a two-volume work on "The History of the Mennonites in Virginia."

PREPARE

Statistics show that if one goes only through high school he will make only \$88,000 from the time he is eighteen until he is sixty years old. But if one takes the time to go through college, then from the time he is twenty-two until he is sixty he will make from \$160,000 to \$200,000. If one goes through college, he has spent sixteen years of his life preparing for thirty-eight years of work. This means that almost one year of preparation is spent for every two years of work, and surely this is necessary; but there is something far more important.

The Bible says "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). You spend from twelve to sixteen years preparing yourself for this life, but have you neglected to prepare to meet God? You say that you may not die for some time and you will think about meeting God when you are going to die, but you do not know when you will die.

When you are dead physically, you are separated from the things of this earth. You can no longer read the newspaper, or listen to the radio. You can't talk. You can't go to school. You can't eat or do any of the things you used to do, for you are dead or separated.

You are not dead physically right now or you would not be reading this, but are you dead spiritually? The Bible speaks of men as being "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Your sin has sep-

A second book to be published shortly by Moody Press is "The Heavens Declare," by M. T. Brackbill. The book is an inspirational and devotional approach to the study of astronomy. It contains many of his finest readings on the stars, which alumni of EMC will long remember.

As of Sept. 11 the 1959-60 high school enrollment was 205, with a high school senior class enrollment of 77. The enrollment of last year was 229. The college freshman class enrollment as of Sept. 11 was 162 compared with 199 last year.

Opening Address

President Mumaw in his opening address to the college students on Sept. 16 emphasized the need for a well-grounded faith in God's Word and a genuine love for the truth. He said that "the goal of learning is set within the context of vital relationship with Christ." The Christian loves truth, not because it is new or old, but because it is truth. Immediately following the address the college classes began.

The college enrollment now stands at 483, the freshmen class numbering 158 and the senior class 79. High school enrollment is 205, with a freshman class of 28 and a senior class of 77.

arated you from God. "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2).

Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people, and only those whose sins have been washed away in Christ's blood can enter heaven. You may have your sins washed away. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). Also you may possess spiritual life. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). If you take Christ as your Saviour you will go to heaven when you die, for He has promised this in the Bible: "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

It does pay to prepare; but if you do not prepare, you will spend eternity in hell, for the Bible says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell" (Psalm 9:17). Furthermore you will be separated from God forever. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

Receive Christ as your Saviour, and He will save you and forgive your sins. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

(Vernon C. Lyons)

Thanksgiving at South End Church

Winnipeg, Man. — A day of special blessings for the South End M.B. Church was October 11. It was a day of Thanksgiving and of emphasis on Missions.

Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the local church lead in the invocation. A prayer session followed. Rev. Henry Baerg presented a message based on Deut. 8:10-20. He spoke on the theme of Ingratitude on Thanksgiving Day. The three points were stressed: The Danger, the Source and the End of Ingratitude. Rev. Heinrich Regehr then delivered a sermon on Home Missions. His text was Matth. 3:1-6.

The Afternoon Service was devoted to Foreign Missions. Miss Sally Schroeder of Steinbach reported on the Broadcasting Work done in Quito, Ecuador. She too has a vital part in the HCJB radio work. The result of the broadcasting service is enormous. People from all over the world are reached and souls are being saved and edified spiritually. Even people from Siberia are able to hear the message of the cross over radio station HCJB.

Rev. F. C. Peters was the second speaker in the afternoon service. He presented a message entitled "Which are the Dangers of Our World-wide Mission?", his text being Matth. 28:16-20.

In both services the choir sang appropriate songs. An offering was taken in the morning service for home missions and in the after-noon for foreign missions.

Coaldale Bible School

The words of Jesus: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . ." will again be practiced in the Coaldale Bible School beginning October 19.

The following brethren are going to instruct: A. J. Konrad, Victor Pankratz, J. P. Dueck and David Balzer, returned missionary from Japan.

All prospective students should contact: Coaldale Bible School, Box 331, Coaldale, Alta.

The Committee

The Janz Brothers

The Janz brothers have returned from Europe, where they have done evangelistic work for the last four years. Thousands have found the way of salvation through their ministry. They will testify of what God has done and they will also sing to the glory of the Lord in Elim Chapel Winnipeg, on Sunday, October 18, at 2:30 p.m.

Indianapolis Crusade

One of Evangelist Billy Grahams major crusades began in Indianapo-

Thrilling Story Books

Hidden Riches

Pauline and Stephen had many adventures and saw many strange sights, for they lived with their parents in the heart of Africa. But they had even more adventures after Ann came to stay with them and you can read all about it in this book. 80¢

The Other Side of the Mountain

Do you like stories of adventures in far-away places. Here is an unusual story of a girl and a boy who lived in Burma — a story about elephants and the jungle. You can read about Sarba and Takkar — and the white elephant — and what happened when the doctors' plane crashed. 80¢

They Came to Camp

Oh, the joys of camp! At least that is what the Campers thought. But it was a most unusual camp with many adventures and unplanned events. You can get the thrill of this book and as you read it you will enjoy it, from the first page to the last. 80¢

Christmas Lynto Hall

All who have read the book They Came to Camp will enjoy

this book, for it is a sequel to that story. Even if you did not join the girls at their camp you will enjoy reading of their stay at Lynton Hall, with all the joy of Christmas and the adventures with the other visitors to Lord Lynton's home. 80¢

Brought Back

Clive thought it was too bad that he had to spend his holidays with an invalid aunt in Battleford. He thought it would be dull, but he was wrong. The time he spent there was most eventful — well, you had better read the story for yourself! 80¢

Grandfather Greenfingers

John and Judy were not sure that they would like leaving Mummy and Daddy to go and stay with Cousin Marion and her father. But they did enjoy themselves and this is the story of how it all happened. 80¢

Christmas Program Helps

By Billvian Lessel
This is a booklet of program helps for the entire Sunday school, from Beginner to Intermediate departments. Contains poems, short and longer, a Christmas reading, and a new Christmas song. 25¢

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lis October 6. The meetings are held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum, which seats 13,000. The crusade, with its state-wide aspects, is stated to run through November!

Earlier in the month, Billy Graham held a two-meeting week-end series in Little Rock, Arkansas, where a total of some 1,400 recorded decisions for Christ. These meetings drew an aggregate of almost 50,000 persons.

On the Horizon

October 18 to 26. — Evangelistic services to be conducted by Rev. John M. Schmidt of Winnipeg in the Fraserview M. B. church of Vancouver, B.C.

October 31. — The General Assembly of the "Mennonitischer Verein Deutscher Sprache" is to take place in the First Mennonite church, located at Alverstone and Notre Dame, Winnipeg, beginning at 10 a.m.

October 31 and November 1. —

Manitoba M.B. Youth Conference to be held in the North Kildonan M.B. church, on Saturday at 2:30 and at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. The main theme is, "Living Acceptably unto God."

November 6 and 7. — Preachers and Deacons Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba held at Newton Siding.

November 8. — Mennonite Teachers' Fellowship Meeting, to be held at North Kildonan M. B. church.

November 8. — Conference Peace Sunday.

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