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

I Cor. 2:2

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The Manitoba M. B. Church Observes Centennial in Winnipeg City Auditorium



On May 22, the M.B. Church of Manitoba observed the Centennial in commemoration of 100 years of existence of the M.B. Church. The brethren that served with messages on this occasion were: J. H. Quiring, Winkler; G. W. Peters, Buhler, Kansas; J. A. Toews, Winnipeg; H. S. Bender, Goshen, Indiana; H. Lenzmann, Winkler and Frank C. Peters, Winnipeg.

Emphasis was placed on missions, on the history of the M.B. Church and a challenge was given to the young people.

Through the messages and the bulletin the attention of the audience was called to facts of historical significance. The first of-

ficial steps in the organization of an independent M.B. Church was made on January 6, 1860. The first minister of the M.B. Church was Heinrich Huebert, who was ordained on June 5, 1860. The first Mission Festival of the M.B. Church was held in Halbstadt, Molotschna, South Russia in the spring of 1867. The first "Bundeskonferenz" took place in Andreasfeld, Chortitza, May 14-16 in 1872. P. M. Friesen (1849-1914) was officially appointed as the historian of the M.B. Church. He spent 25 years on his great work.

The first Conference of the M.B. Church in America was held in Henderson, Nebraska on October 18-20 in 1879. The first M.B.

Church in Canada was started at Burwalde (near Winkler) in 1886. The first Canadian District Conference was held in Herbert, Sask. in 1910.

The first missionaries that were commissioned to go to a foreign field (India) were Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Friesen, who left Russia and arrived in India in 1889.

The first missionaries that were commissioned to go to a foreign field from America were Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Hiebert, who left for India in 1899.

The first centennial celebration on a General Conference level is to be observed in Reedley, California, U.S.A. on November 12-16 in 1960.

Graduation and Closing Exercises

Detailed reports with pictures from the M.B. Bible College and the M.B. Collegiate Institute of Winnipeg will be

presented in next weeks' issue of this paper. The closing activities and commencement exercises shall be vividly portrayed to the readers.

EDITORIAL

At Graduation: Learned a Shibboleth or Living a Life?

Educators agree that gaining an education is not merely learning certain facts and techniques in mathematics, science, social studies and English. To achieve its purpose, education must prepare young people for life in the 20th century. Thus education is concerned with the whole person, not merely with cramming so many facts into the heads of children.

This is also true of Christian education. We must periodically review the program of studies and philosophy of education in our Mennonite high schools, Bible schools and colleges to adjust the instruction to that particular period of history. Unless we do so education becomes static—we are caught teaching out-of-date facts, methods and terminology. We are then merely teaching a "shibboleth" and not preparing young people for a way of life in the world, but which is not of the world.

This danger is especially great in religious instruction. When Christian ethics books warn teenagers against the dangers of the mid-twenties and overlook the 1960 tactics of Satan they are out of date and need revision. When Bible story books are written in the religious idiom of the 19th instead of the 20th century they need revision. When our instructors, who teach the subject False Cults, concentrate on heresies evident during the 1920's and do not give students an insight into the beliefs of Schweitzer, the Moral Re-Armament Movement, and Neo-Orthodoxy they are seriously neglecting their responsibility. When we have not progressed beyond superficial and over-simplified tirades against evolution, we are doing more harm than good.

The 1960's call for a different kind of Christian worker than the 1930's. Pastoral theology and related courses need to give students the insights necessary to work with industrial workers and an increasingly large professional class. This requires an understanding of the growth of capitalism, labour unions and the problems of automation—and not merely stereotyped clichés learned by rote. The special problems of the university students, the nurses and teachers in non-Christian surroundings need sympathetic study.

For an effective witness in today's world we need a better prepared student than one who has merely learned to carry a Thompson Chain Reference Bible, preach from a notebook like his teacher, and testify in a religious shibboleth he has learned in a classroom exercise and not practised in a non-Christian atmosphere. It is not enough to be able to say, "For the basis of my testimony I read . . ." The non-Christian wants to know if he has experienced a living Lord, if he has passed the acid test of love in a practical situation. Nor will memorized verses be of much help if they have not gained significance in the life of the student or if they are in an English or German no longer plain to the man on the street.

Today's believer and Christian worker needs above all to be initiated into a life of vital communion with Jesus Christ through classroom instruction and personal experience. He further needs to be given a wide understanding of the world he is living in and the problems he will face. Then he needs to learn how to express his religious experiences in modern English—and not merely in the idiom of the King James version of the Bible. If we want to communicate to modern man we must speak in his language and use concepts that he understands, no matter how beautiful and meaningful our memorized terminology is for us.

If we can achieve this re-orientation in 1960 we will have made the centennial of the Mennonite Brethren Church a meaningful one.

Leslie Stobbe (guest editorial)

DEVOTIONAL

The Spirit and the Church

"The Book of Acts might be termed, 'The Acts of the Holy Spirit' in and through Peter and Paul and other leaders." In the light at least seventy references to the Holy Spirit in Acts, this statement by E. W. Winstanley cannot be wrong. And this emphasis on the Spirit in

the Book of Acts is not merely a personal emphasis of the writer, Luke. He was recounting the experience of the entire Christian community, which community had a strong consciousness of being empowered and led by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, in the thought of the early church, was vitally related to Jesus Christ. In the first place, Jesus had been empowered by the same Holy Spirit. The descent of the Spirit upon the church at Pentecost may be compared to the descent of the Spirit upon Jesus at His baptism (Acts 2, Luke 3:21,22). As Jesus was empowered for His ministry, so the church was empowered for its ministry. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus, because He had anointed Jesus "to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind." The Spirit of the Lord was upon the disciples in order that they might witness "in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Even after His resurrection Jesus commanded His disciples "through the Holy Ghost" (Acts 1:2).

Second, the Spirit in the thought of the early church was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise. The disciples were to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father which they had received through Jesus (Acts 1:4). This Holy Spirit would not merely substitute for Jesus. He was the reason for Christ's going away (John 16:17).

Third, the Holy Spirit was for the early church a sign of the triumph of the ascended Lord. This conviction was set forth by Peter in his Pentecostal sermon: "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33). It was in the Spirit that Christ is again restored to us. For the Spirit does not separate from Jesus; He makes fellowship with Him possible. Thus Paul speaks of "Christ in you," "God in you," and the "Spirit in you."

The Holy Spirit in the life of the church meant that the spirit of prophecy was not dead but had come to its highest expression. For the Jews the day of prophecy was over. The prophets were succeeded by the Scriptures, the scribe, the teacher. This spirit of prophecy was revived, however, with the coming of John, of Jesus, and of the church. This was the meaning of the outward symbols: the garment of camel's hair worn by John; the descent of the dove at the baptism of Jesus; the wind, fire, and tongues of the early church. These symbols had no value in themselves. They had value only as they proclaimed that the Spirit which inspired the Old Testament prophets was here and in vital force.

The Holy Spirit in the first place empowered the church to do the work which Christ had assigned. Thus the disciples were to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit that they might be witnesses (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit is not given to the church as a plaything; He was

never meant merely to be enjoyed. Indeed, as in the case of Jeremiah, He may become within one "fire in the bones," forcing one to his task. And once at the task, the Spirit delivers from frustration. He gives superabundant power to enable us to do the impossible, to meet every emergency.

The Holy Spirit in the second place empowered the church to develop superior character. Popular thought then as today was attracted to the external signs of the Spirit. The wind, fire, and tongues were spectacular ends which many sought. This tendency the leaders worked against. Thus Paul wrote to the Corinthians that the gifts which edify are to be coveted; and above all, love is the manifestation of the Spirit. To the Galatians he wrote, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . ." (Gal. 5:22,23 RSV). Thus the Spirit produced self-control, the very opposite of the development at Corinth and of some twentieth century churches.

It is this fruit of the Spirit which makes Christian community possible. Possession of the Spirit of God makes it possible to live together in peace and love. The Spirit enabled Barnabas to sell his field and bring the money to the apostles to be administered to the poor. He enables each Christian to hold property not only as his own but also for the welfare of others.

Milard Lind

(Gospel Herald; Herald Adult Bible Studies)

We are all inclined to judge ourselves by our ideals; others by their acts.

—Harold Nicholson

He hurts the good who spares the bad.

—Publius Syrus

Some people reach the heights by being on the level.

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Business Men's World Tour With a Missionary Objective



David Redekop

Winnipeg, Man. — On March 14, 1960, six Christian business men boarded a BOAC plane at Montreal which was to take them to Prestwick, Scotland, on the beginning of a tour that ultimately covered twenty thousand miles, twenty-two different countries where they had the privilege of meeting some fifty thousand people at some one hundred and forty meetings and hundreds of personal interviews.

Three of these men were from the United States: Mr. Waldo Yeager, CBMCI (Christian Business Men's Committee International) chairman from Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Theo McCully, CBMCI executive secretary from Chicago, Mr. Robert Kellog, CBMCI vice-chairman from Sacramento, Calif. The other three were from Canada, Mr. Elliot Stedebauer, present CBMCI director, Dr. Ross Willows from Winnipeg, a former CBMCI director, and myself from Winnipeg, at present CBMCI director.

After an uneventful but very fine flight across the ocean, we landed Tuesday morning, March 15, at Prestwick. We were met there by a group of Christian business men from Glasgow, who greeted us most brotherly and took us to their city, where we stayed at the hotel owned by Dr. John Hendry, who is a prominent Christian business man in Glasgow. We were immediately served with a pot of tea, which we soon found out was a common practice in this wonderful country. A highlight of the day was a meeting with about 150 men in Glasgow. Most of these men were Christians, although they had brought some unsaved friends with them. They showed a keen interest in the work of Christian business men. They felt that this type of lay witnessing was needed in Glasgow and told us that they, too, wanted to get a group started there. About 50 of the men who attended the meeting belonged to the Scottish Festival Choir. It really thrilled our hearts to hear these men sing songs like Psalm

23, and I thought that here the Mennonites would find some real stiff musical competition.

The following day, we divided into three groups; two brethren went to Aberdeen, two to Edinburgh and two stayed in the Glasgow area for some more meetings. Everywhere we went, we were greeted by very friendly people, many of whom know the same Lord we do, and therefore it was an inspiration to us. Right in the first meetings it was our privilege to see souls saved and one of the first places we visited, Aberdeen, Scotland, has formed a Christian Business Men's Committee (CBMC). Thus we left Scotland, thanking God for the wonderful beginning for our long trip.

In Glasgow we boarded the overnight boat to Belfast, Ireland, where we landed in the morning. Again, we were greeted by a group of Christian business men who took us to the hotel where, after a wash-up, we met the press and photographers. The Belfast brethren had spared nothing to make our stay a most enjoyable one. We had dinner with a small group of Christian business men, after which they took us out to see the city of Belfast and the beautiful Parliament Buildings. It was also a privilege to meet

two members of their Parliament and witness to them. In the evening a large banquet was arranged with about 150 business men present, and again we had very much the same experience as in Glasgow. The men thought this was exactly what they had expected. We trust God that here will be a strong committee in action, witnessing for the Lord.

Next day, we boarded the train for Dublin, and for the first time we were able to compare a country where the political climate is not conducive to witnessing to our own homeland. Here again, a group of Christian business men met us at the station and took us to the hotel where we had a meeting with some 50 men, who told us their problems and success in witnessing in their country. Some of our men stayed in Dublin and surrounding area over Sunday, because Dublin had an airplane pilot strike. Mr. Waldo Yeager and myself boarded the boat for Liverpool. We enjoyed the experience of being on the ocean in a real storm. Knowing that we were in God's hand, we did not worry. Pills against seasickness were of no avail. We landed in Liverpool on the following morning, safe, sound and secure.

Brother Yeager and I decided to rent a car and drive to London via Bristol. Here I found out that being a Canadian, I had some privileges in the British Isles. My Canadian license was accepted in England

whereas the American license was not, and so I naturally was the driver of the car that had the steering wheel on the right side and was compelled to drive on the left-hand side of the road, just like everybody else does in England. On the way to Bristol we passed the little town of Stratford-on-Avon, where Shakespeare used to live. The English countryside is very picturesque. The grass was green already, the flowers were in bloom. Although we had had cloudy weather and drizzle until then, this was a day of bright sunshine. We got to Bristol just in time to check in at the hotel and hurry on to the Plymouth Brethren church, where George Mueller attended services in his day and which is still a stronghold for Christ. We enjoyed the service with the brethren and the contacts that we made in Bristol. It was a thrilling experience next day to see the orphanage of George Mueller, the man who, by faith in God, erected a number of large buildings, took in 1500 boys at one time, taught and trained them in the ways of the Lord, often not knowing from where the next meal would come. But God always provided. We saw his library books and his diary where he kept track of every penny he spent. Today the orphanage is operating on a much smaller scale. The government does not permit them to operate in the former manner and has

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Farewell Dinner for Rev. L. D. Warkentin



Picture on the left: Mr. Otto Funk presents the Warkentins with a gift on behalf of the Mission as a token of love for their service. Picture on the right: The Warkentins are enjoying a good turkey dinner.

Brandon, Man. — A farewell dinner was held in the basement of the Gospel Light Mission to honour the Warkentins for the 4 years of service in the work here in Brandon.

Most of the young people and their families stayed for dinner after the morning service to enjoy the fellowship with the departing minister.

Rev. Warkentin came to Brandon in 1956 as a graduate of the M. B. Bible College with all the enthusiasm and vitality of a young man meeting the challenge of his vocation. In his service here he has

shown a consistent interest and concern for others, especially young people. God has been able to use the spiritual vitality of the Warkentins to expand the mission work here. The visitation work in the homes and hospitals was used of God to make many new contacts. Many people have crossed the threshold of the mission because of these contacts.

The opening of the East End Mission was a step of faith taken under the leadership of Rev. Warkentin. As a Youth for Christ leader in the city, our pastor has done

much to encourage young people in the high schools to testify of their faith to fellow students.

We have shared many new experiences together with our pastor. Their children have grown up with ours, and they will be sorely missed. We are losing a friend and leader, but we know that God will use the Warkentins to open a work in Austria. We wish them God's blessing and joy as they journey across Canada to visit several churches before they sail for Europe.

Otto Funk

City-Wide Evangelistic Campaign at Kelowna, B.C.

The city-wide tent campaign of the first two weeks of May was a thrilling experience to many.

Rev. Peter Wittenberg and Brother Mielke arrived several days earlier with the truck that brought the large tent. The tent was erected in good time. Collapseable benches were placed and the stage was set up. Loudspeakers and lights were installed. A smaller tent was put up nearby as a first aid post. All things were ready.

Rev. P. Wittenberg first had a meeting with all the workers. He expected all the work to be done thoroughly and in the spirit of unity.

The first public meeting was held on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m. A male quartet and pianist had come from Vancouver as for other weekends. Mr. Larry Skinner led the public song service and sang with the choir.

On Sunday nights the meetings were conducted in the German language. Rev. Wittenberg has done much of his evangelistic work in Germany, so he used many illustrations from his work there.

The messages followed a study of the book of Romans. The audience was asked to read a chapter in advance. The messages were a real challenge to Christians as well as to others.

Every morning at 7 o'clock a prayer meeting was held. Through-

out the night sustained prayer was kept up by half-hour periods. There was a prayer meeting for one-half hour before every service.

Many attended. Members from the nineteen cooperating churches invited others to attend. The average attendance was between 700 and 800. The weather varied from sunny to windy, to cool and wet.

The blessings of this campaign are untold. There were thirteen first-time decisions and many re-dedication. It was of great significance that Christians were united. In spite of many denominations, true Christians are one in Christ.

A lady, who had bought a Bible after her husband's death, came to the tent, which was near her house, and was saved. A young man, who had been very religious as a boy, came to the tent and was saved. Then he brought his two younger brothers and they, too, were saved. Some older Japanese Christian workers at the Japanese Mission were encouraged to continue and go forward in the work.

This was the first experience of such a nature for the churches of Kelowna. Plans are to have more such meetings in the future. This was also the beginning of tent evangelism under Rev. Wittenberg. He is now at Vernon and he has plans to cover other parts of British Columbia this summer. Help us pray for this work. G. G. Fast

Mennonite Graduates at Waterloo

Waterloo, Ont. — The 1959-60 term of studies at the Waterloo University College has terminated. Throughout the recent years many Mennonite students have availed themselves of the opportunity to supplement their education by studying here. Many graduates of MBBC and CMBC have received their Bachelor of Arts degrees by transferring credits from the above-named institutes to the Waterloo College.

Beginning July 1, 1960, Waterloo University College will be authorized its degree-granting right and will begin issuing its own degrees. Affiliation with Western University will terminate as of this date.

The preliminary baccalaureate service and graduation exercises took place May 15 and 16 respectively. The final graduation will be held June 4 at London. The following students are members of the 1960 graduating class of the Waterloo University College who will be the last group to receive their degree from Western University at London: Victor Thiessen, Namaka, Alta. (MBBC); Henry Warkentin, Kitchener, Ont. (MBBC); Peter Klassen, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. (CMBC); John Enns, Waterloo, Ont.; Lewis Weber, Preston, Ont. (Goshen College); Peter Friesen,

Kitchener, Ont. (MBBC); Henry Dueck, Kelstern, Sask. (MBBC); Nick Klassen, Port Rowan, Ont.; Ken Cressman, Waterloo, Ont.; Arnold Cressman, Waterloo, Ont.; Henry Esau, Chilliwack, B.C. (MBBC)

Of the eleven graduates, five will be teaching in high schools of Ontario after completion of the summer course in teacher's training at London; three will be serving in their local church constituency; one is planning to study in Europe; one will be serving as a missionary in Brazil under the Board of Welfare of the M. B. Church; and one will be employed at a Kitchener business firm.

On leaving this institute, we as the graduates will cherish pleasant memories of the round-table discussions, of the many hours of intensive study, and of the spiritual benefits obtained through the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Henry Esau

E.M.B. Mission Conference at Grunthal

Grunthal, Man. — A missionary conference of the E.M.B. church took place in the Grunthal Auditorium from May 15-22.

For eight consecutive evenings, people came to the auditorium, to listen to missionaries from Cuba, South America, and Africa report

of spiritual and political conditions in these various fields.

Three outgoing candidates, to the fields of Paraguay, Europe, and Alaska presented their needs, and requested prayer support.

The main speaker of the conference was; Rev. John R. Dyck, Abbotsford, B.C. vice-president of the E.M.B. conference and pastor of the Grace Church at Abbotsford. His messages challenged all to greater consecration to the cause of Christ, at home and abroad.

Missionaries serving throughout the week were: Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Rempel, Congo; Rev. Clarence Giesbrecht, Nigeria; Rev. John Funk, Paraguay; Miss Martha Becker, Ecuador; Rev. and Mrs. Don Elliot, Cuba; out going candidates were, Miss Mary Dueck, Alaska; Miss Sara Loepky, Paraguay; and Miss Trudy Straus, Europe.

Attendance was good. Out of the eight evenings the auditorium was filled four nights.

Over 200 Singers at Music Festival

Didsbury, Alta. — Two hundred and thirteen singers representing eight choirs from seven churches sang to a capacity audience at the annual Alberta Mennonite Festival of Music held this year in Didsbury, May 21-22.

Among the selections of the mass choir were such favourites as "Lasset uns frohlocken", "Selig sind die", "Break Forth Into Joy", and "Gloria". Individual choir numbers varied from the beautiful, soft "Waldandacht" and "All in an April Evening" to the challenging chords of "Rise Up O Men of God", and "Come, Let Us Worship."

An additional highlight in the morning performance was the moving rendition of the vocal solo "He Was Despised", sung by Mrs. Herman Neufeld.

Not only did the songs blend into a program of adoration, praise and worship but also two forceful messages. Rev. Cornie Dyck, Lethbridge, in his appealing dynamic style stimulated the minds of the listeners to think about their contribution to the church as he spoke on the topic "Men Wanted", while Rev. Rempel, Virgil, Ontario, presented in the afternoon meaningful thoughts on music in praising God.

WEDDINGS

May—Martens

Miss Agnes Martens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Martens of Clearbrook, B.C., and Mr. Harold May were married in the South Abbotsford M. B. church on April 26, 1960. Rev. Wm. Neufeld officiated.

Dr. Harold May is a medical graduate from a New York university and is serving as doctor in the Albert Schweitzer Memorial Hos-

pital on Haiti. His wife is a registered nurse working with an MCC unit at the hospital. They returned to the hospital on Haiti shortly after the wedding for an indefinite period of service.

Prior to her MCC service on Haiti, Mrs. May studied at the M. B. Bible College, trained at the Vancouver General Hospital and attended the MEI at Clearbrook, B.C.

OBITUARIES

Ingrid Velmie Dyck



Funeral services for our daughter, Ingrid Velmie Dyck, were held in the North Kildonan M. B. church, May 25. Rev. W. Falk, pastor of the church, and Rev. H. Regehr, Ingrid's teacher, were the speakers. Texts used were Psam 16:11 and Psalm 90:1-3. The girls' choir of the church, in which Ingrid used to sing, sang two songs. Ingrid was laid to rest in the Glen Eden Garden.

Our dear daughter, Ingrid, was born May 28, 1945. She was a happy child, the sunshine in our family. At the age of nine, she accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour. It was always her desire to be a witness for the Lord. She enjoyed life in the family circle, at school, and with her friends. Her aim was to become a teacher.

Last summer she suddenly became ill and had to undergo an operation for diagnosis. It was a malignant gland disease. After undergoing many treatments in summer, she was able to go to school in fall, attending regularly until the end of March. The last six weeks of her life she spent in the Winnipeg General Hospital. There, too, she was a blessing, being loved and appreciated by staff and room-mates. In her capacity to bear pain without complaining, she was a great example to us.

On May 22, she was called home to be with the Lord. Our hearts ache at the great loss, but we are not without hope, for we know that we shall see her again.

She is survived by her sorrowing parents, one sister, three brothers, two sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many relatives and friends.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

The Brethren Toews and Ratzlaff in Belgian Congo

Brethren J. B. Toews and John C. Ratzlaff arrived safely in Leopoldville on May 12 under the Lord's good protection. Their flight from New York was smooth and pleasant. On the day of their arrival in the capital city of the Congo, they planned to make a few official contacts for orientation and then fly to Kikwit on the morning of May 13. They wrote that in Leopoldville circumstances appeared to be quiet and normal. "Some tribes in the area, they tell us, have their problems. The trouble areas are in the more primitive districts where the emotions run high with little control of reason. The weather is hot—very quiet and the heat is scorching. For the coming weeks we want to rest in the all-sufficiency of our Lord."

The following was the tentative schedule of the brethren Toews and

Ratzlaff for their visit and work on our Congo mission field: May 12, consultations in Leopoldville; May 13 and 14, preliminary meeting at Kafumba; May 15, Kafumba Bible School graduation; May 16 and 17, conference of delegates representing mission and national church; May 18, Ecole Celle Vue school closing and board meeting; May 27 and June 1, meeting of missionary staff at Kajiji; June 3, leave from Kikwit for Brussels.

Missionaries to Depart for Their Fields

Missionaries are now scheduled to depart for their fields of service or study as follows during the coming months: to **Belgian Congo**: George Fauls (Sawyer, N.D.) from New York on June 30; Ben Klassens (Morden, Man.), Darlene Reimer (Reedley, Calif.) and Mary Toews (Clearbrook, B.C.) from New York on July 14; Arlene Gerdes (Mountain Lake, Minn.), Martha Janzen and Kathryn Willems (Corn, Oklahoma) from New York on July 28; to **Belgium**: Ferdinand Pauls, M.D. (Winnipeg, Man.) Mon-

trealed on July 27; to **Costa Rica**: Herman Bullers (Fresno, Calif.) Eugene Janzens (Fairview, Okla.), Anne Klassen (Marquette, Man.) and Elsie Kroeker (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.) to arrive in late August; to **Europe**: John N. Klassens (Winnipeg, Man.) from Montreal on August 13, Lawrence Warkentins (Brandon, Man.) still to be deter-

mined; to **India**: Anne Ediger (Winnipeg, Man.), Viola Janz (Herbert, Sask.), Henry Poetkers (Hepburn, Sask.) from New York on July 15; to **Japan**: Sam Krauses (Dinuba, Calif.) from San Francisco late in July. Pictures of these folks and other information about their assignments will be presented separately in subsequent issues.



Brother and Sister Abe J. Neufeld with their sons (from left to right): Charles, 11, Thomas, 13, and Gareth, 9.

Europe

The Abe J. Neufelds (Steinbach, Man.) were scheduled to sail from New York on May 22 as reported in the previous issue.

The first conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of western Europe is to be held at Neuwied, Germany, June 4 to 6. The conference will have a three-fold emphasis: Pentecost, Jubilee (thanksgiving) and Organization. In the invitation, Brother J. W. Vogt comments that these emphases also suggest „Aufblick, Rückblick und Ausblick." The conference will begin with a thanksgiving service at which an "Ebenezer" will be set up at the occasion of this historic service. Brother H. H. Janzen (Winnipeg, Man.) will present five messages on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Other brethren who are to minister are G. H. Jantzen (Fresno, Calif.), Abe J. Neufeld (Steinbach, Man.), Wolfgang Rueschhoff (Steyr, Austria), Jacob Thielmann (Port Rowan) and Hans Ufer. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Business sessions will include organization of the conference and reports by workers, committees and churches.

Brazil

In the work at Curitiba, Brazil, Brother and Sister Erven A. Thiesens (Reedley, Calif.) are engaged in a brief period of Portuguese language study. While carrying the administrative responsibilities left by the Thiessens, Brother and Sister Peter Huebert are also in charge of the extension evangelism which is being carried into the villages west of Curitiba. The Lord is blessing this ministry and the proclamation of His Word. It is hoped that in the near future there will be established at a number of these places small congregations who will eventually form churches who themselves will become the instruments of evangelism among their own people.

India

The missionaries in India are now leaving the hills to go down into the valley to resume their work after several weeks vacation to escape the great heat in the valley. Brother J. J. Kasper (Chilliwack, B.C.) was detained for a while longer because he was asked to serve in the summer school of Ramapatnam Bible Seminary from May 17 to 27.

Paraguay

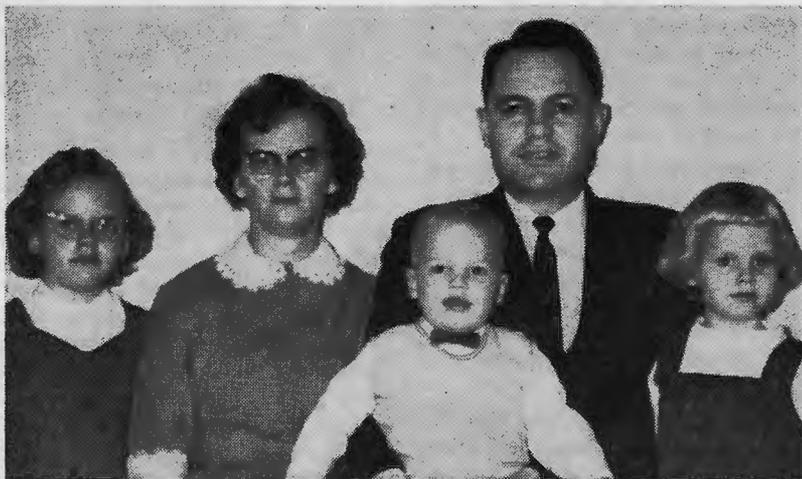
In Paraguay funds are being gathered for a small hospital for the Indians near the Indian settlement in Neuland colony. Major cases arising among the Indians are taken to the Neuland colony hospital where a small room has been built on to the main building to accommodate especially patients from the Indian population. It is also encouraging to hear that a new nurse coming from the churches in Paraguay by the name of Sister Adeline Ratzlaff has been added to the missionary staff. So many of the ailments among the Indians can well be handled by a nurse who is also instrumental in checking contagious diseases by giving injections and applying other means of precaution.

Colombia

Sister Herta Voth (Virgil, Ont.) has received her nurse's credentials in Colombia which have been registered with the Minister of Education in Bogota. The papers of Sister Esther Wiens (Mountain Lake, Minn.) were being studied by the National University and if approved, Sister Wiens was also to receive her Colombian nurse's credentials.

A commercial radio station in Cali, Colombia, two weeks before Easter consented to sell time to the Christian and Missionary Alliance for a 15-minute weekly program. The management was impressed with the quality of the program, and when Good Friday came around the evangelicals of Cali secured a

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Brother and Sister George Faul and children (from left to right): Elizabeth, 9; Ruth, 5, and David, 2.

Belgian Congo

Missionary personnel in the Belgian Congo is scheduled to leave for furlough or study in the homeland as follows: June 3, A. J. Esaus (Yarrow, B.C.), John Esaus; June 8, Irvin Friesens (Dinuba, Calif.); June 23, Edith and Eleanor Baerg (Morden, Man.), Ivan Elrichs (Bakersfield, Calif.), Harold Krugers (Saskatoon, Sask.), Joy Shannon (Mountain Lake, Minn.) and Arthur Wiebes (Ingalls, Kans.). May the Lord protect all of these folks on their long trips and grant them a joyful reunion with loved ones here in the homeland.

The George Fauls (Sawyer, North Dakota) are the first missionary family scheduled to return to the Belgian Congo this summer. Their period of furlough has been spent with their relatives in Forest Park, Ill., and Sawyer, North Dakota, in deputation and in study at the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, Calif. May the Lord protect them and grant them another fruitful term of service as missionary teachers.

Evangelistic meetings were held at Matende in the Belgian Congo from April 25 to May 1 with Brother and Sister Arnold Prieb (Inman, Kans.) from Kafumba as guest speakers. The Word of God spoke and many came for counseling. This was especially true of the school children, Brother Ernest Dyck (Abbotsford, B.C.) writes. "We praise God for those Christians who straightened out their lives and for those children who accepted Christ as their Savior." Brother Dyck also reports that teacher training and primary schools will complete their work in June for this school year. Pray that workers might go forth who will serve the Lord among their own people in an independent Congo.

Sister Sarah Peters (Coaldale, Alta.) writes from Brussels, Belgium, that our missionaries have been successful in their oral examinations and that final examinations are scheduled for June 13 to 17. She asks us to pray that the missionaries will be able to make necessary preparations for the examinations.



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls!

Some of you will know that the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Manitoba had their 100th Anniversary Services in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium on May 22. It was a very important day. I trust that you, who were there, heard with open ears and understood with an obedient heart.

We learned that day anew that God has greatly blessed us. How graciously God has dealt with us. He brought us out of the land of bondage in Europe to this country of liberty, of living and of luxury. He gave us Sunday schools, Bible schools, Christian camps, Christian magazines and books, DVBS, many preachers who love the Lord and His Word and gladly taught us the Way of God. He gave us wonderful songs of faith and hope and life. Now some of you might not think that all this is so important. But let me tell you, not everybody had had the blessings you and I have had since we came to be! Keep your eyes and ears open and you will soon find that out.

God gave us the opportunity to use many of these blessings by sharing them with others. We heard about this again at the special services. Here at home and abroad in the mission fields our men and women and young people were willing to be used of the Lord. And how God so graciously used them! If you will read the minutes of our earlier conferences you will find how it was emphasized: "We want to be faithful to God here in this land. Let us give the message of salvation to our fellow men here and not neglect them as we did in Russia. God, keep us true!"

God has been very kind to us in the past, boys and girls. What about today? Has God's attitude toward us changed? No, God is still very gracious. He has blessed us with money, with fields and gardens, with food and clothes, with health and strength, beside all the spiritual blessings. How rich we are today! Now, what about all these blessings?

Today I am talking to young fellows and girls who have keen minds and eager hearts. Listen, I want to say something. You know about the father who had been away from home for a long time. Upon his return he got a lovely ball for his little son whom he had not seen for so long. He hoped to win the little fellow's love and loyalty with the gift. But lo, when the little one saw the ball he grabbed it enthusiastically and had no smile for his anxious father. The father was forgotten over the gift.

Boys and girls, today, you and I, with all the wealth of God's richest blessings upon our lives from childhood on, are in danger—and in grave danger—of forgetting the Father over the gifts! Listen, God wants to be our God, but only if we are His people. Please, boys and girls, let's not be like the little boy. Let's be more grown up. Let's be true to the Lord in the use of all these gifts. Then alone will God continue to bless us. Will this be your choice, "True to Christ I'll be"? 'Bye for today.

Love, Aunt Anne

The Three Princes

Once upon a time there was a very important king who was growing quite old and gray. He had three sons, Prince Proud, Prince Charming and Prince Great-Heart, all fine, good boys. For that reason it was hard to decide which should wear the crown when the king should not need it any longer.

Prince Proud was very important, and he stood up very straight as he held a standard beside his father's throne on the days of the king's council. His eyes were blue, and his golden hair was bright and shining in the sunlight. Prince Proud would make a very good king, indeed, thought the court.

Prince Charming was very kind and thoughtful of the happiness and comfort of every one. Dressed in a red velvet suit and with his brown head held high, he went about the throne room upon the days of the council saying pleasant words to all the lords and ladies. It seemed to every one that Prince Charming would make a very gracious king.

Prince Great-Heart was the youngest and the smallest of the three princes, and sometimes it seemed to his father, the king, that he was strangely different from his brothers. Prince Great-Heart one day changed his beautiful blue silk suit for the brown cotton smock

of a little plough boy, because, as he explained, he wanted to see if the plough boy's clothes would fit him.

On the days of the king's council, which everyone knew were the most important days of all, it was often hard to find Prince Great-Heart. He would be off with the little court pages or talking to the plough boy or watching the ways of the little brown squirrels in the forest.

"Little wandering Great-Heart will not make a king at all," said certain of the court, and at times his father wondered if they were right.

One morning at sunrise, when the dew was like diamonds on the roses in the palace garden, and the towers and battlements glistened in the sunlight, the king called his sons into his bed-chamber. "I am growing older each day, my sons," he said. "I am gradually getting less able to rule over my kingdom. I must now choose which of you will take my place. To do this I will test you. Start out at once, Prince Proud and Prince Charming and Prince Great-Heart, taking with you only your day's food. Search my kingdom for the thing of greatest worth. What that is, you must discover, but whoever of you finds it and brings it to me shall wear my crown."

So the three princes started out to find the thing of greatest worth. Prince Proud searched in the great city which was the capital of the kingdom. Prince Charming went to the neighboring castles. But Prince Great-Heart went away from the city and away from the court and down into the fields.

It was a long and busy day for the three princes. When night came they hurried back to the palace where the king awaited them on his great, shining throne.

"Who has brought me the thing of greatest worth?" he asked.

"I have!" shouted Prince Proud.

"No, I have," smiled Prince Charming. But little Great-Heart did not say a word.

"We shall see," said the king. "Show me what you have."

Prince Proud drew from his cloak a golden casket. Opened, the light of a hundred precious stones flashed forth. "It is the treasure of the oldest miser in your kingdom," explained Prince Proud.

The king took the casket of jewels and laid it aside, shaking his head sorrowfully. Then he motioned to Prince Charming. The prince came forward and held up a precious bit of filmy lace.

"One of the princesses made it with her own hands," Prince Charming said. "She will wear it when she is presented to you. I could find nothing more valuable to bring." The king touched the lace gently, but again shook his head.

"What has little Great-Heart brought?" he asked.

"Nothing," said Prince Great-

Heart, holding out two empty hands. "I had no time to search. I stopped at the plough boy's farm and helped him all day with the ploughing, for his father is sick, and furrows must be dug for the wheat."

"Come nearer, Great-Heart," said the king. He took Great-Heart's little hand in his. In the palm was a hard round, rough spot where he had held the plough handle all day.

"Prince Great-Heart has brought me the thing of greatest worth," said the king, as he touched the spot tenderly. "He brings to the kingdom the marks of unselfish work."

So Great-Heart wore the king's crown, and although at first it was very large for him, every one said that this did not matter in the least, for he would soon grow into it.

(From Salvation Army's publication, "The Young Soldier")

Dorothy's Prayer

Dorothy Smith was a keen little Sunday school scholar, and young as she was, witnessed brightly of her Saviour. Yet her heart was sad when she thought of her Mummy and Daddy, for though they did not hinder her going to Sunday school, yet they gave no thought whatever to their own soul's salvation.

One day, Dorothy became ill, and much to her disappointment was unable to be at the class as usual. As she lay in bed, she thought again and again of her Mummy and Daddy, who were still strangers to God's grace. She burst into tears, as the cry came from her lips, "Dear, Lord, please save them, as Thou has saved me."

That evening the front door bell rang. "Father," said Mrs. Smith, "just see who is at the door." He opened it, and a kindly voice said, "Good evening, Mr. Smith, I am Dorothy's Sunday school teacher. Her little friend Peggy told me how ill she is, so I have called to see her, if it is convenient for you."

"You are Miss Wood, I believe," said the father, "please do come in."

It was a happy half-hour that Dorothy spent with her teacher, but how quickly it passed. As Miss Wood was leaving the house, she gave Mr. and Mrs. Smith a hearty invitation to the gospel meeting the following Sunday evening, and not caring to refuse, they promised to go.

The Scripture read was the wonderful 53rd chapter of Isaiah, and I am thankful to say that ere the speaker had finished his message, these two dear souls realized, deep down within their hearts, that the precious Saviour was wounded for their transgressions, was bruised for their iniquities, the chastisement of their peace was upon Him—and with His stripes, they were healed.

Was not this a quick and gracious answer to the earnest prayer of Dorothy?

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(24th Instalment)

Every day they watched eagerly for the mailman's car. Until he had passed there was always a pleasurable anticipation in the air. There might be a letter. Often there was one from Jim or Kurt. Their friends from school and church kept them informed of all their activities, and Kit's schoolmates wrote frequently but sometimes the news was not such as would lift the spirits. The letters from the high school staff continued to mention the developing friendship of Howard Willis and Miss Terrant, and even though Virginia assured herself over and over that she no longer cared what Howard Willis did, the news made her wince.

It was hard, too, to wait week after week for the news from Mexico. It seemed years since they had all been together in the big house on Monterey Boulevard.

Not the least of Virginia's burdens was Kit. The doctor's permission for the cane to be abandoned had seemed to that young lady complete permission to resume her old activities. Virginia was sorely tried to restrain her as she daily became more daring and more insistent in her willfulness.

"I'm as good as new. I've really got two legs now. I don't hurt at all. I could slide down the hill, Ginny. I could, I know!"

"Not this year, Kitten. Dr. Sawyer said you'd be all well by summer. Let's be patient a little longer."

"But I'm not patient ever, so how can I be patient a little longer? I want to slide down that hill so bad that I'm afraid that some day I just will!"

"Kit, don't you dare! I don't want to be cross, but you just have to mind."

"But I'm so tired of minding. I've minded and minded, and I feel like I just have to not mind, once!"

"You poor little chicken," said Virginia one day when she found Kit looking dolefully off toward the hill. "Ginny is as tired of this as you are, darling. But this is our job, and we have to stick to it. Maybe next year—"

"But we won't own the farm next year. I've prayed and prayed that we'd find Allie May before Dad comes. And when we do we'll sell the farm, so I have to slide this year!"

During these days of marking time there was one comforting source of help. Steve Barrett found many occasions to call. Sometimes he would spend the evening teaching Kit to play checkers. At other times he would be closeted alone with Sherry in an argument that

left both of them in a state of depression. Or he would sit lazily watching Aunt Molly as she quilted or Virginia as she knitted busily on a sweater for Kurt. Often at such times he would look up and catch Sherry's eye and his face would flush as she winked teasingly at him.

Sometimes he would take Virginia for an evening of relaxation at Sparta, the country seat, and often when he had business in the country or a neighboring town he would take both her and Kit for a ride. Kit had admitted him to her heart on a level with Jim and Kurt, and he, in turn, gave her an affection that told more of his heart-hunger than he realized. To Virginia he was a bulwark against the fear and doubt that threatened her when days were dark. He did not question her, yet she often found herself telling him of her misgivings or of the disappointments of the day. He it was who gave her reassurance when her morale was low over the course of events at Claremont High. Although he did not know it, his friendship helped her over a bad spot when the home paper carried an announcement of the engagement of Howard Willis and Rae Terrant.

"I don't know what we would have done without you," she said one night as they were returning from Sparta. "Do all family lawyers give such self-forgetful service as you do?"

He laughed. "That's a question I can't answer. Being strictly honest, I have to admit that I don't know all the family lawyers in the world. The ones I have known, with the exception of my dad whose example I am trying to follow, were not too altruistic. Most of them were out to get what they could."

"The Martins are fortunate, then, in having fallen into the clutches of one of the less predatory members of the profession. When I think of how we've been cared for, not only by you but by Sherry and Aunt Molly, I am ashamed ever to doubt that God's hand is directing my steps."

"Lady dear, it's been a mutual affair. How do you think I could have managed Sherry without you? She would have left long before this if it had not been for the Martins. And I would be hunting two girls instead of one. Sherry may have helped you with housework and expenses, but you have done more for her than even she realizes. As for Aunt Molly—well she could have stayed with Harnishes until her house was fixed, but they are crowded there and it would have been hard on all of them. As

it is she has had the happiest winter she has known since her family has scattered."

"I've about given up finding Allie May. Ever since that letter came I've felt defeated. I know she wants to come back, but she won't do it without being able to clear her name. If she's living close enough to spy on us and know what we do, she's very clever. I don't think we'll find her until she wants us to, and that will never be!"

"I feel that I've failed your family completely. After my months of work I haven't a worth-while clue to give you. As a lawyer I'm a flop. As a friend I'm a fizzle!"

"Don't say such things. They aren't true! One discouraging case isn't a measure of your ability as a lawyer. And as a friend, you're super. Just count the friends who are dependent on you for help of some sort. There's Aunt Molly, whom you care for as if she were your mother. There's Sherry, who likes to tease you but who trusts you when she has turned against her parents. There are her folks, who take comfort in knowing that you are in touch with her. Then there are the Martins—all of us, from Dad to Allie May—whose affairs get a great deal more of your attention than can ever be paid for. We couldn't do without you!"

When he answered his voice showed that he had been touched by her outburst.

"Thanks. I'm not really so important, but it's nice to know that you think so. I've been a bit low lately over my girl troubles—Sherry and her tantrums and Allie May with her disappearing act. I talked to Don Carlson by phone last night. He says that if I don't tell them where Sherry is, the results will be disastrous for Aunt. And Sherry says Aunt is putting on an act, and that if I do tell, everyone will regret it. What to do I don't know."

They rode along in silence, pondering their mutual problems. Virginia knew that although he was discouraged, Steve would continue the search for Allie May, and her own discouragement of an hour before had changed to a hope that some day he would be successful. And Steve, in some inexplicable way, felt that he had shared his problem concerning Sherry and that it was on the way to solution.

Later, as they stood on the porch before parting, Steve said abruptly, "I'm just like most lawyers—out to get what I can from my clients. I hope you know what I want from the Martin family!"

"Why, no—what—"

But he turned abruptly and left her with hasty "Good night."

As she blew out the light that had been left burning for her and prepared for bed, she mused on Steve's words and was bewildered by possible interpretations that could be given them. Had Howard Willis made such a declaration, she would have known what he meant. But Steve Barrett was different!

CHAPTER XIX

Virginia had been half conscious several times during a night in late January that Kit's sleep was restless, but it was not until dawn that she finally aroused fully.

"What is it, Kitty? Are you ill?"

"I'm so hot. And my leg aches. I tried hard not to wake you, Ginny, but it really hurts!"

In alarm Virginia lit the lamp and examined the aching leg. There was no chance for doubt. There was a red area over the spot where the fracture had been, and Kit's temperature read 102 degrees. That could mean only one thing—a return of the infection they had believed was conquered. With heavy heart Virginia telephoned for the village doctor, and after a long-distance consultation with Dr. Sawyer, it was decided to take Kit back to the hospital in the city where Dr. Sawyer himself could treat her. Steve volunteered to take them so that they would not have to wait for Jim to come. Sherry insisted on making the trip with them. Aunt Molly helped them pack and gave them repeated assurances that she would care for the house while they were away. By noon they were ready to start, and a nine o'clock, as Aunt Molly was preparing for bed, a call came from Sherry.

"We came through in fine shape. Kit was in bed in the hospital by four. She has had three shots of penicillin already, and when we left a while ago she was sound asleep. Ginny and I are staying with Jim's ladylove, and Steve is with Jim. As soon as we've seen the doctor in the morning, Steve and I will start for home."

Telling them "good-bye" next morning was an ordeal for Virginia. She felt as if some badly-needed props were being withdrawn from her. She had not realized how closely her life had become knit to these friends until she had to see them depart while she stayed behind in the city that had become an almost alien place to her. After Sherry had gone out to the car Steve returned for a final word.

"Don't worry, dear," he said, apparently not realizing that he had used the term of endearment. "Dr. Sawyer told Jim and me that he is very confident that the infection can be permanently overcome. This is just a slight flare-up and will soon be licked. When we get home, Aunt Molly and I will be praying together for you. I want you to call me every day so that I will know not only about Kit, but also about Kit's brave big sister. Don't forget. And keep looking up!"

Did anyone ever have such friends? With them behind her she could go on!

(To be continued)

Anything which you are determined to get, but which you don't need, has you in its possession.

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There is no substitute for brains, but silence does very well.

How the Lord Helps Me

By Nettie Berg

Dear friends at home:

I wonder what you pray for most often? What is it that you need most as you serve the Lord in the kitchen, in the office, on the farm or in school? Three things that I have to pray for very often are **wisdom, patience and forgiveness**. I would like to tell you how the Lord sometimes grants me these three things.

Wisdom: "Lord," I prayed, "this is the day we shall start again with the knitting classes for the mission women. I would like these classes to be happy times of get-together for all of us. I will need patience and lots of wisdom, especially for Sidoni, Zachariae's wife who has been 'knitting' for a whole year and still does not know the difference between plain and purl. What could I do to help her?" I thought awhile about Sidoni. Truly her wisdom is not very big, but she always has a cheery "note" for me every morning when I pass her yard on the way to the dispensary. It is she, too, who comes quite often with lovely ears of green corn for my dinner.

Sewing, why sure! Why hadn't I thought of that sooner? That would be easier for her. Simple running stitch, a simple seam—she'll surely be able to do that. "Thank you, Lord, for giving me this little bit of wisdom, but that will not be the last of my requests for wisdom."

Patience: "Oh, why do we have to have houseboys?" I sighed wearily when on my way to the dispensary, just after my patience had almost run out with Erasto. "Why must he be so contrary, saying: 'I don't like to wear an apron, I never have; I don't like aprons!'" And then he insisted on baking bread this morning while the rest of us will be hearing the Christmas program, and he should, too. He could just as well have started the yeast at 11 a.m. when the program will be over. But no, he simply declared that he had heard the children practicing their songs for a whole month, there was no more need for him to hear them again. All this had made my heart quite heavy.

But now I had arrived at the dispensary and had unlocked the pharmacy. There in the quietness of the pre-schedule hour, with only the rows of medicine bottles looking on and only the spider webs on the ceiling to catch my words, I took Erasto and all about him to the Lord. "He is so sullen, and unhappy, and not just a little stubborn. Lord, help him to overcome." My heart was lighter as I went about crushing the banana for the skinny little twin, and ridding the bottle and nipple of their sour contents of the night and filling it with fresh milk. What privilege to give to the Lord such burdens and to receive a new supply of patience in return.

Forgiveness: "All right then, I

will just go back to the village," declared Vunza, the husband of a patient who had been at the dispensary for a long time. He walked off down the path just as emphatically as he had spoken. My heart condemned me immediately for not having granted him his request for the old half-barrel that we were not using any more. He hadn't had the money to pay for it, but after all he had cared for his wife so faithfully and had helped with odd jobs here and there. "Lord," I prayed as I returned to checking patients' cards, "if it please Thee, give me an opportunity to make right the wrong I have done, please send Vunza back again some time."

Two weeks later, there in the line-up of patients was Vunza's wife, and sure enough, there was Vunza, too. I lost no time telling him that he might take the barrel today. But even before that a silent prayer of thanks had been sent up to Him Who so graciously had forgiven-me and straightened out my crookedness.

Colombia

(Continued from page 5-4)

two and one-half hour period for a program presenting the seven utterances of Christ from the cross. The program was carried live from the Alliance Church as seven pastors brought messages. At the close of the service there were 25 professions of faith at the church, and letters and telephone calls reported other conversions in homes. Severe opposition against the radio station has been aroused. At this writing the fate of the daily program is not known. —Evangelical Foreign Missions Association

Convention of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association

The 15th annual convention of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association meeting in Chicago April 26-29, became a milestone as the organization established the policy of taking Canadian missionary agencies into membership. First to enter under the new policy was the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, which has 131 missionaries serving in Japan, Hong Kong, Ken-

ya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, West Indies, Argentina and Mozambique. Milton Baker of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society was elected EFMA president. Vice-president is L. L. King of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. O. Ralph Isbill of the Open Bible Standard Missions was re-elected secretary, and Philip Armstrong of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade is the new treasurer. —Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

Four Mennonites Visiting Soviet Russia

A cable received at MCC headquarters May 24 stated that a Russian visa had just been granted to European Director Peter Dyck. This will enable Dyck to visit the Soviet Union along with three other North American Mennonites: Henry A. Fast, North Newton, Kans.; David B. Wiens, Vancouver, B.C.; and Gerhard Lorenz, Winnipeg, Man. The brethren Fast, Wiens and Lorenz left New York May 20 for Frankfurt. The four plan to be in the Soviet Union from May 26 to June 23.



Here is part of the large audience which attended the meetings of the Manitoba M. B. Church as it observed its Centennial in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium on May 22, 1960.

Israel's Independence Day Observed

The twelfth anniversary of the renewal of Israel's independence in the historic homeland of the Jewish people has been celebrated at home and abroad with pageantry, popular rejoicing and a display by the land, sea and air forces. This year the celebrations also marked the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl, who at the end of the nineteenth century founded the World Zionist Organization and called on Jews throughout the world to work for the re-establishment of the Jewish State.

Independence Day was May 14, 1948. On that day, Mr. David Ben-Gurion read the Proclamation of Independence, announcing the establishment of the State of Israel on the departure of the forces of Britain, which had held the Mandate for Palestine for twenty-six years. This year, the anniversary fell on May 2. The previous day is Memorial Day, on which the nation unites in solemn and reverent mourning for its sons and daughters who fell during the War of Independence in repelling the Arab invasion of the new-born State, as well as in the course of the guerilla warfare waged on Israel by her neighbors in the past decade.

Memorial Day opened with a 2-minutes' countrywide silence at 7 a.m. on May 1, and services were held in synagogues, military cemeteries and other public places.

Next day, over 300,000 people, including 10,000 tourists, watched the military parade in Haifa, which was reviewed by President Ben-Zvi, the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, and the Chief of Staff, Maj.-Gen. Hayim Laskov. Nearly 5,000 soldiers of all arms, including Druse and Arab units, marched four miles through the streets.

The closing event of the day was the Israel Song Festival, arranged by Kol Israel, at which nine songs were performed, out of a total of over four hundred submitted, and



THE CENTENNIAL OF THE M.B. CHURCH OF MANITOBA in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium. — Front row from left to right: Rev. F. C. Peters, moderator of the Manitoba M.B. Conference; Rev. J. H. Quiring, Winkler; Dr. Geo. Froese, missionary in India; Rev. F. H. Friesen, Morden; Rev. Wm. Falk, North Kildonan; Rev. G. W. Peters, guest speaker from Buhler, Kansas; Mr. John Thiessen, choir director. The singers of the mass choir as seen on the picture are from Winnipeg, Steinbach and Niverville. (See also report and pictures on pages 1 and 8.)

the three best, as decided by the vote of the audience, were awarded money prizes.

Chilean Earthquakes

Santiago, Chile. — The death toll for south Chile's six-day siege of earthquakes, tidal waves, avalanches and volcanic eruptions may reach 5,000, government sources said. Some victims buried under masses of shifting terrain may never be found.

The interior ministry disclosed it was investigating reports that more than 800 Aracuana Indians lie buried under tons of snow, rock and other debris in quake-born avalanches. The Aracuanas—Chile's

original inhabitants—live in scattered settlements high in the snow-covered southern mountains.

The observatory said the seismic

violence, already blamed for an estimated \$300,000,000 of property damage, appeared to be on the wane.

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Succesful Music Festival at MEI



Top Picture: Mr. C. D. Toews presents the trophy for senior piano class to Miss Melva Kroeker, a grade 11 student.

Centre Picture: The finals of the oratorical contest at the MEI at Clearbrook, B.C., were held on the night of the Music Festival, May 17. Mr. Abe Friesen, president of the MEI Alumni, made the presentation of the Alumni Public Speaking Trophy to the winner, Miss Anna Klassen, a grade 12 student.

Bottom Picture: Receiving a record as the prize for highest marks in the junior string competition of the MEI Music Festival, held May 17, is John Doerksen of Clearbrook, B.C. Mr. H. Wiebe, director of several choirs at the school and John's homeroom teacher, made the presentation to the young cellist.

Clearbrook, B.C. — "You should be proud of your school," Adjudicator Douglas Bunt told MEI students, their parents and friends at the fifth annual Music Festival Concert Tuesday night, May 17. He said that in his province-wide experience as adjudicator he had not been at a school of this size with such a high standard of musical performance.

MEI's music festival is an all-day effort. This year piano students were adjudicated by Mrs. Bunt during the morning, while Mr. Bunt arrived for the choir, brass, vocal and string classes during the afternoon of May 17. Individual winners, the choirs from grade 9 and up, and other outstanding performers then participated in the concert that evening.

Awarding the highest mark of the festival, 91, to the senior boys' choir, Mr. Bunt asserted that this

ensemble was second to none he had heard. The choir sang "Lead Kindly Light" and "Evening Bells," with Harry Doerksen as soloist. The audience's enthusiastic and sustained applause after the afternoon's singing of the Russian "Evening Bells," testified to the popularity of the song, the choir and the new-found soloist.

Other winners were: junior choir, grade 10 girls; senior piano, Melva Kroeker; junior piano, Helen Guenther; senior string, Rudy Dyck (cello) and Walter Toews (contrabass), co-winners; junior string, John Doerksen (cello); senior vocal solo, Elvira Driediger; junior vocal solo, Mary Warkentin. Additional performers on the evening's Music Festival Concert were: grade 9 choir; concert choir; senior girls' choir, Alfred Wiebe, mellophone; Dorothy Balzer, violin; and Dorothy Friesen, own piano composition. Also receiving high praise for their progress were the band members, who played at the afternoon session.

The final competition of the oratorical contest at the MEI was held that evening also, with Anna Klassen, grade 12, declared winner. The other finalists were Ingrid Sawatzky, grade 10, and John Rempel, grade 12.

The senior choirs were directed by Rev. C. D. Toews, the grade 9 and 10 choirs by Henry Wiebe, the

grade 8 choir by Albert Nickel, the grade 7 choir by Miss Eleanor Loewen, and the band by Erich Ratzlaff.

Open House at MEI

Clearbrook, B.C. — Parents and friends toured the Mennonite Educational Institute on the evening of May 19 during the annual Open House.

As the visitors made their way through the school they had an opportunity to see physics and chemistry experiments in progress. They were given an opportunity to see the woodwork, sewing and art work of the students. In addition, classrooms revealed that a lot of work had gone into artistic and instructive murals, posters and maps. Displays of students' work in German, English, Bible, science and social studies interested many parents.

Two films, "High Tide in Newfoundland" and "The Rocky Mountain Trout," gave the visitors a glimpse of some of the natural beauty in Canada. It also acquainted them with the rigorous life of the Newfoundland fisherman.

Home economics students sold pies and served lunch at the conclusion of the evening's program.

Music and Climax of Music

Calgary, Alta. — On the evening of April 10, the local choir, under the direction of Mr. John Wiens,

gave a very inspiring performance of the cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" by Handel. This was also the initial appearance of the choir in their choir gowns, which were dedicated by our pastor, Rev. A. P. Regier.

We have just completed a choral workshop under the capable leadership of Mr. J. Boldt, Chilliwack, B.C. The choral group included several young people from Namaka, our choir and other interested local young people. The climax of this workshop was the Music Night which this choral group presented on the evening of May 10.

H. Willms

Sermons on Sanctification

Leamington, Ont. — "Sanctification" was the theme of a series of three services especially for young people by Rev. John G. Baerg, pastor of the Virgil M. B. Church. The topics dealt with were 1) The Meaning of Sanctification, 2) The basis of Sanctification, 3) The Means of Sanctification, 4) The Realm of Sanctification, 5) The Nature of Sanctification, 6) The Goal of Sanctification.

On the same weekend, May 22, the Virgil M. B. Church choir under the direction of Henry Goerzen, also served the Leamington M. B. Church in keeping with the annual choir exchange. The Leamington Church choir visited Vineland on Sunday, May 29. David H. Derksen

Ladies' Group Presents Program at South Abbotsford

Abbotsford, B.C. — The Work and Prayer Group of the South Abbotsford M. B. Church presented a thought-provoking and thoroughly enjoyable program on Sunday night, May 15.

After the introduction by George Falk, husband of the group's president, Mrs. L. Stobbe sang. Mrs. V. Thiessen followed with the reading of a short poem. Then a quartet of husbands of members of the group sang.

The feature of the evening was a dramatic presentation of "Mothers of the Bible." Reading the Scripture text and commentary from scroll were Mrs. W. Stobbe and Mrs. J. Ratzlaff. Mrs. D. Rempel played the part of the mother of

Moses, while Mrs. A. Sawatzky was Miriam. A mother-son team, Mrs. G. Falk and her boy, acted out the roles of Samuel and Hannah, while Mrs. H. Klassen portrayed the part of Mary, and Mrs. J. DeFehr played the part of the angel. The role of Timothy was taken by Mrs. E. Rempel, while Mrs. H. Lepp portrayed Eunice, and Mrs. J. Esau acted out the part of Lois. Mrs. H. Klassen directed the play.

Interspersed throughout the play were songs by the ladies, who sang as a choir. After the play Mrs. J. Thiessen and Mrs. E. Rempel combined in a duet. Mrs. R. Reimer served as organist. Proceeds of the evening's offering went for MCC Christmas bundles for children.



One of the "Mothers of Israel" in the play by that name presented by members of the Work and Prayer Group of the South Abbotsford M. B. Church on their program May 15 was Hannah (Mrs. George Falk) shown here with her son Samuel, whose role was played by the Falks' son, Donald.



Members of the Work and Prayer Group of the South Abbotsford M. B. Church presented a challenging program in the church on May 15. This picture shows the group: first row from left, Mrs. E. Rempel, Mrs. H. Lepp, Mrs. J. Esau, Mrs. H. Klassen, Donald Falk, Mrs. G. Falk, Mrs. A. Sawatzky, Mrs. D. Rempel; second row from left, Mrs. J. Thiessen, Mrs. A. Falk, Mrs. H. Nickel, Mrs. J. Friesen, Mrs. M. Dirks, Mrs. J. Warkentin, Mrs. L. Stobbe, Mrs. W. Stobbe, Mrs. R. Reimer; third row from left, Mrs. J. Ratzlaff, Mrs. J. DeFehr, Mrs. V. Thiessen, Mrs. W. Klassen, Mrs. H. Klassen, Mrs. D. Krahn, Mrs. J. Warkentin, Mrs. H. Reimer.



Calcutta Workers Encounter Caste Prejudice

Calcutta, India. — Difficulties have arisen in the Calcutta refugee children's feeding project, report MCC workers Lois Cressman, Kulpville, Pa., and William Voth, Chilliwack, B.C. From the project's beginning, high caste people and their leaders have objected to the simultaneous feeding of children regardless of caste status. The objectors, too, are very poor, but feel they cannot let their children participate in our program when the center feeds all castes without discrimination. A "sense of dignity" motivates the opposition.

"A great deal of fear and tension was apparent among our workers as well as among the 25 children who came for their meal despite difficulties. We have kept up the program even though only a few have come."

On May 9, Mr. Voth and Miss Cressman began operating a new milk feeding station at the Stripoe Colony, a colony near Laskapur. "We gave milk and a biscuit to approximately 250 boys. We had good cooperation from the principal and students. We have only a few days to experiment with the feeding program before school closes, but we feel it should be successful after today's tryout.

Voth has written of a serious famine afflicting the Lushai Hills area. Transportation problems have hindered feeding efforts. "There are reports of starvation deaths and many famine victims are resorting to eating roots," says Voth. Rats have augmented the food shortage problem. At the time of bamboo blossoming rats infested the area and destroyed bamboo fruit bearing possibilities. After this destruction the animals invaded the rice crops. One area reports that from 60 to 80 per cent of the December rice crop was ruined.

Likely the famine will continue until the October rice crop can be harvested. At the time of his report, Voth says arrangements are being made to have government vehicles transport rice and other products to the famine stricken area.

Fear nothing so much as sin, and your moral heroism is complete.

—C. Simmons

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To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.

—Disraeli

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All who would win joy, must share it; happiness was born a twin.

—Byron

Enkenbach Unit Leader Analyzes Pax

Enkenbach, Germany (MCC) — Since 1953, when there were only a few Mennonite young people at Enkenbach, many changes in the structure of the youth program of the Mennonite youth have taken place. The program has grown from informal meetings of several to organized group participation of 35 to 45. The youth group meets on Tuesday evening for Bible study and recreation. "Some of us Paxers," says Enkenbach Pax unit leader, Robert Beyler, Wooster, Ohio, "participate in these meetings and enjoy the fellowship of the German youth as well as learn new cultural patterns. In discussion we are confronted with a language barrier but we Paxers feel that because of our situation our witness to the Mennonite youth here is a 'living witness' rather than a verbal one."

"Two Paxers help sing in the regular Thursday evening chorus practice with the young people. This chorus sings at various church meetings and special events. Our presence at the Sunday morning worship service is also a form of witnessing to the local Mennonites."

Continuing his report of MCC Pax-European Mennonite relationships, Beyler states, "Sometimes we meet informally with the youth at the Pax house and occasionally they invite us to spend an evening with them. These informal meetings prove to be interesting and reveal the real feelings of the participants. Paxers, I feel, are appreciated by the young folks because of what we are and have been doing for them and with them. They realize that we are here to help them to better living and that this is an alternative to military service.

"We might well ask ourselves whether we would be doing this type of service if it were not part of our duty to the United States government. There is a young fellow of draft age in the Enkenbach 'Siedlung' who is considering alternative



Stanley Gerber, Walnut Creek, Ohio, is chipping a block to size. The meter stick in his hip pocket is a handy tool—Paxmen soon learn that meters and centimeters are easier to work with than yards and inches.

service instead of regular army service. His being in the United States for one year as a trainee might be one reason why he is considering taking the nonresistant stand.

"The young people of Enkenbach realize that we are doing a good work but the question which they raise is why we are doing it. Is it because the government requires it, or for the sake of adventure, or are we to serve Christ?"

M. B. Bible College Students Conduct First College Work Day

The first college work day was held April 29. Students and faculty members participated in the project and the total income for the day was \$1048.40. According to the decision of the student body the proceeds are to be accumulated and used for some phase of college expansion.

Various kinds of jobs were solicited by a student committee with a large number of students taking jobs on farms. Faculty members contributed the equivalent of one day's earnings.

Music Student Receives Scholarship

Miss Joyce Redokop of St. Catharines was awarded a scholarship by the Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association. An accomplished pianist, Miss Redokop has appeared at various festivals across Canada and has been a frequent winner in music competitions. She graduated from the Sacred Music Course at the spring commencement.

Klassens to Leave for Germany

Mr. and Mrs. John Klassens will sail for Europe from Montreal August 13. They are under appointment for Germany and will assist on one of the stations supported by the Foreign Missions Board. A Th.B. graduate of the college, Mr. Klassens has attended Winkler Bible School and United College in Winnipeg. The Klassens were formerly members of the 43rd Ave. M. B. Church of Vancouver. Mrs. Klassens is the former Mary Goertzen and they have two children.

Miss Seymour to Teach in Nursing School in Nigeria

Miss Margaret Seymour of England, a junior at the college, has been appointed by the Mission Board of the United Missionary Church to serve as missionary nurse in Nigeria. Miss Seymour has previously served as nurse in the Beulah Home in Edmonton. Before coming to college she resided at Kitchener, Ont., where she is a member of the Bethany United Missionary Church. During the past year she served on the Medical Aid Committee of the college.

After spending the summer at the School of Linguistics at Grand Forks, N.D., Miss Seymour will sail for Nigeria in September. She will be the fifth student of this year's student body to leave for the foreign field.

Graduate to Teach at Winkler

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doerksen have accepted a call to the faculty of the Winkler Bible School. A native of British Columbia, Mr. Doerksen is a graduate of the MEI and Clearbrook Bible School. His father the late Rev. J. J. Doerksen, was pastor of the Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren Church before his death in 1952, and attended the college in 1951.

Mr. Doerksen is a Th.B. graduate of the college. Mrs. Doerksen is the former Esther Epp and they have two children.

First Applications Arrive for Summer Session

This year's summer session, the second in the history of the college, will be held July 11-29. Two courses will be offered: Old Testament History by Rev. David Ewert, and Life of Christ by Dr. F. C. Peters. The dormitories and dining hall will be available to students for the three week session. Classes will meet in the morning, leaving the afternoon open for study. Both classes may be taken for college credit or audited.

Music Instructor Awarded Distinction

Miss Wanda Dick, music instructor at the college, who last fall completed the laboratory technician's course at the Winnipeg General Hospital has been awarded the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technologists Pin. The pin is granted to the student receiving the highest mark in Manitoba. Miss Dick is the daughter of Rev. David Dick of Niverville, Man., and has taught at the college for four years.

Business Men's World Tour

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taken over the buildings. But the organization still carries on an orphanage program, taking in orphan boys and placing them with Christian families.

From Bristol we went to London via Oxford, the university city. We were greatly impressed by the studious atmosphere in and around the campus at Oxford, quite a contrast to some of our own universities. In London we were met by our good friend and CBMC representative, Mr. William Horsburgh, who had a complete program ready for us. In the next few days we held 3 meetings, all well attended, especially the one at Richmond, where some 165 men were present. These meetings were followed by a conference held in London. We have 9 registered committees in the England area, and most of them had gotten together for this conference. By now most of the other travelling companions had joined us, and so we concluded our stay in England by a joint meeting, wishing them every success to witness for the Lord.

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Fiftieth Anniversary at Kelstern

God willing the Elim M. B. Church at Kelstern, Sask., will observe the fiftieth anniversary of its existence on June 12, 1960. For this day of thanksgiving to God we extend a hearty invitation. We are thinking especially of those who have attended the services in this house of the Lord.

On behalf of the Church
John G. Redekopp

Future Subscribers

Henry and Elizabeth Loewen, Brandon, Man. announce the birth of a baby girl, Lois Elizabeth, born May 4, 1960, at the Brandon General Hospital.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Falk, Winnipeg, Man., a son, Theodore James, a brother for Ronald, on May 23, 1960.

ON THE HORIZON

Every Sunday. — German School Program of Manitoba Mennonite Schools over radio station CFAM from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (CST).

June 3-4. — Manitoba M.B. Conference at Steinbach, Man.

June 4. — Spring concert of the Mennonite Children's Choir directed by Mrs. Helen Litz, to be presented in the M. B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg, at 8:15 p.m. (DST).

June 5. — The grade 12 students of the Mennonite Educational Institute will be honored at a graduation service in the school auditorium. This year's double graduation service has been made necessary because of the school's decision to graduate the grade 12 class in the future.

June 5-10 — The fifth annual missionary conference at the Gospel Mennonite Church, 232 Nassau St. All meetings at 7:30 p.m.

June 7-9 — Annual sessions (Old) Mennonite Conference of Ontario.

June 11-12 — The Alberta Sun-

day school workers conference, held in Tofield, Alberta.

June 11. — Semi-annual M. B. Conference of British Columbia in the Greendale M. B. church.

June 11 — The Eden Alumni Banquet in the afternoon and the annual Choral Concert in the evening at Eden Christian College.

June 12 — Commencement Exercises at 3:00 p.m. at Eden Christian College.

June 12 — Rosthern Junior College High School Graduation.

June 16-17 — Canadian Mennonite Bible College Mission Conference.

June 18 — CMBC closing program.

June 19 — Baccalaureate service and Graduation, at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

July 2-6 — Annual Sessions of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites at Steinbach, Manitoba.

July 2 to 6. — The annual Canadian M. B. Conference at Virgil, Ont.

August 17-21 — Annual Evangelical Mennonite Brethren conference in the Crace church, Abbotsford, B.C.

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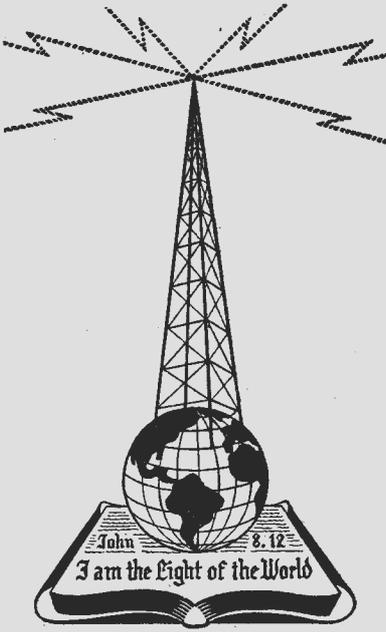
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