

Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2

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Ambassadors for Christ in Europe



Brother and Sister Cornelius L. Balzer

Brother and Sister Cornelius L. Balzer will be entering into the work in Europe on a full-time basis as of August 1. Their headquarters will be in Neuwied, Germany. The major assignment of the Balzers will be evangelism and youth work. They will serve our various

church groups in Europe and also serve in conjunction with the evangelistic ministry of Brother Abe J. Neufeld. Members of the North Kildonan Church (Winnipeg, Man.) the Balzers have been studying music in Detmold, Germany, and have been assisting in our conference work in Europe.



Brother and Sister Lawrence Warkentin and sons Paul Edward, now 5 years old, and Richard David, now 3 years old.

Brother and Sister Lawrence Warkentin have responded to the call of the Lord for service in Europe under the Board of Foreign Missions. The Warkentin family is scheduled to sail from New York to Rotterdam on July 28. The

assignment of the Warkentins will be in Wels, Austria, where the work is to be developed. At present there is a small group of believers in Wels where weekly services have recently been conducted by Brother Jacob Thielman. During the past four years Brother and

Sister Warkentin have served under the Manitoba conference in a mission outreach at Brandon. They entered this ministry after Brother Warkentin was graduated from the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg in 1956. Previously, he attended Mennonite Educational Institute, Prairie Bible Institute

and the Abbotsford Bible School. The Warkentins are members of the Alexander Church in Manitoba. Brother Warkentin is the son of Brother and Sister David H. Warkentin, Clearbrook, British Columbia, and Sister Warkentin, the daughter of Brother and Sister Jacob Lepp, also of Clearbrook.

Semi-Annual Conference of the M. B. Churches of B.C.

Through the gracious providence of God the brethren gathered in the Greendale M.B. church on June 10 and 11 to re-evaluate the last year and make new plans for the future. Br. Rudy Janzen, the host pastor welcomed the large delegation. He pointed out the need for heeding the prophetic Word on the basis of Proverbs 29:18. Even today the Word is still applicable to the problems of our modern world. Rev. Herman Voth, moderator of the B.C. Conference, opened the Friday night session with a hearty welcome to all delegates.

We are indeed thankful to the Lord for His gracious leading in the past year. Another church, Queensboro has been added to the Conference. There has also been a very noticeable increase in membership in most churches. The Lord is entrusting more and more work to His Church. Br. Herbert Brandt, reporting for the Vancouver City Mission, told of the large outreach in the city. In the past year Grace Pacific Mission has enlarged its Sunday School facilities to accommodate the ever increasing enrollment. Plans are being made to acquire a shelter for unfortunates of this large harbour city.

Also in the Sunday school endeavor increase of enrollment is evident. Plans are already made to accommodate all the guests and workers which will be coming to B.C. for the next Sunday School Convention. The Sunday school must grow if the church is to grow.

One of the most important things on the agenda was the work of the West Coast Children's Mission. Br. Abe Wieler has been elected to the position of Chairman of the Board. Due to the problem of the mission stations becoming accepted M. B. churches, a new constitution

is being worked out. We are trusting the Lord to guide and direct in this matter. The work demands moving forward, and the challenge is ours. We are thankful for new and open doors. A few changes of workers is taking place. Brother

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Visitors Complete Tour of Soviet Union

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — The four Mennonite visitors to the Soviet Union are now at home in Canada and the United States. They departed from the USSR, June 14, for Helsinki, Finland; though scheduled for a visit until June 24, the men terminated their visit a week earlier than they had planned because the Intourist said no hotel room was available for the remainder of the tour. European MCC Director Peter Dyck and three other North American Mennonites — Henry A. Fast, North Newton, Kan.; David B. Wiens, Vancouver, B.C.; and Gerhard Lorenz, Winnipeg, Man. — began their tour on May 26.

The USSR visitors consider their tour "thoroughly worthwhile." They saw many Mennonites: "We were swamped by so many who accidentally or on purpose sought us out that we were anxious lest they cause too much public notice and cause difficulty for our Mennonite brethren," wrote Fast from Helsinki.

Describing his observations, Fast stated in agreement with reports which have been received in the west, that Christians are experiencing "increasing government anti-religious pressures." Russian people frequently recognized the visitors as Americans and would deliberately seek them out to discuss America or what they thought of Russian life. "The people are

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EDITORIAL

Believing God

Just in the proportion in which we believe that God will do just what He has said, is our faith strong or weak. Faith has nothing to do with feelings, or with impressions, with improbabilities, or with outward appearances. If we desire to couple them with faith, then we are no longer resting on the Word of God, because faith needs nothing of the kind. Faith rests on the naked Word of God. When we take Him at His Word the heart is at peace.

God delights to exercise our faith, first for blessing in our own souls, then for blessing in the Church at large, and also for those without. But this exercise we shrink from instead of welcoming.

When trials come we should say, "My heavenly Father puts this cup of trial into my hands, that I may have something sweet afterwards." Trial is the food of faith. Oh, let us leave ourselves in the hands of our heavenly Father! It is the joy of His heart to do good to all His children.

But trials and difficulties are not the only means by which faith is exercised and thereby increased. There is the reading of the Scriptures, that we may by them acquaint ourselves with God as He has revealed Himself in His Word. And what shall we find? That He not only is God Almighty, and a righteous God, but we shall find how gracious He is, how gentle, how kind, how beautiful He is—in a word, what a lovely Being God is.

Are you able to say from the acquaintance you have made with God that He is a lovely Being? If not, let me affectionately entreat you to ask God to bring you to this, that you may admire His gentleness and His kindness, that you may be able to say how good He is, and what a delight it is to the heart of God to do good to His children.

George Muller, guest editorial (Tract)

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Simply Trusting Every Day

Simply trusting ev'ry day,
Trusting through a stormy way;
Even when my faith is small,
Trusting Jesus that is all.

Singing if my way is clear;
Praying if the path be dear;
If in danger, for Him call;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly doth His Spirit shine
Into this poor heart of mine
While He leads I cannot fall;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting Him while life shall last
Trusting Him till earth is past;
Till within the jasper wall;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate'r befall;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Ira D. Sankey.

DEVOTIONAL

How to Overcome Your Besetting Temptation

Practically every Christian has some besetting temptation. It differs according to the person. What is a serious temptation to one person does not trouble some other at all. Sometimes our besetting temptation is very obvious to others, and in other cases it is a secret hidden in the heart and known only to ourselves and God. In either case it is the source of weakness in our Christian life, the thing that shuts us off from the full joy of salvation and the most effective to Christ and His cause.

There are a few practical methods which, if followed, will give us the victory over our besetting temptation. Before explaining them

it must be emphasized that these suggestions are for those who have given their hearts to Christ. They are not psychological tricks to be used by would-be moral people to achieve moral victory without giving their hearts to Christ.

The first step in overcoming temptation is to really want to overcome it. This may sound peculiar, but if you will look into your own heart and be frank with yourself, you will realize that in many instances you have prayed God for help to overcome darling sin, which deep down in your heart you cherished and did not really want to escape from. In many cases it relieves our conscience a

little, and gives us a pious feeling, to pray for deliverance from a sin that in reality we do not want to be delivered from at all. Sometimes we go on doing this for years, falling continually into the same sin and continually offering our insincere prayer for deliverance.

The difficulty is that our real prayer is not the one we utter with our lips but the deepest desires of our heart. We deceive ourselves into thinking we are praying for deliverance when it is not our real prayer at all. In such cases the prayer that we need to offer is that God will help us to make a complete surrender of our hearts, sacrifice the inner desire for the evil, and really want to be delivered from it. Until this step is taken nothing else will help.

Once you have really made up your mind that you want to overcome the temptation you are prepared to take the next step which is to learn to use the Bible to help you to victory. You will remember that the Bible was the weapon Jesus used to overcome the tempter. The same weapon is ready for your use. Search the Scriptures to find passages which should help you overcome your besetting temptation. Keep at it until you have in mind at least three passages that satisfy you. If you have trouble finding them ask your pastor, or some Bible-loving friend, but be sure the selection is your own.

For example, let us suppose that your besetting temptation is selfish ambition. You cannot seem to escape from it. It goads you continually. You see every situation and person as a possible means of building yourself up. By prayer and self-surrender you have reached the place where you really want to conquer this evil tendency, but still it crops out time and again. Your search of the Scriptures for weapons to use against it might bring you to the selection of Matth. 20:20-28; John 1:13-15, and Philipians 2:3-8. Read these passages until you are very familiar with them. It might be best to memorize them so that when the temptation to selfish ambition comes rushing in upon you, you can begin to repeat the Scriptures. This can be done with practically any temptation, and if done sincerely it will give us the victory.

In all of life the positive is the best approach. This is just as true in dealing with our besetting temptation. Plan to replace the evil to which you are tempted with its opposite good. For example, let us suppose that your besetting temptation is a tendency to dislike some person who has wronged you, or toward whom you have taken a dislike. The first step is to put that person on your daily prayer list. Try to find out his needs and problems; make them a subject of daily intercession. Do not stop there, however, but go out and do some

positive good for the person in question. If you do this conscientiously you are likely to find that the person you were tempted to dislike will become in time one of your best friends.

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Temptation

"If it's fame you want, I can give it,"

The devil said, and he smiled
As he showed me the glittering
road to fame

As one would coax a child.
And I saw it as a broad highway
Strewn with many a crown
That a traveler might have for the
taking;

—But I saw at the end it led down.

"If it's pleasure you want, I can give it,"

He said, and he showed me then
The blaring, blazing carnival
That is counted as pleasure by men.
And he slyly smiled as he showed
me

The scintillating train;
And almost I rose up to follow;
—But I saw at the end it was pain.

"If it's wealth you want, I can give it,"

He said again with a smile,
"And the power that always goes
with it,"

And he showed to me the while
Endless vistas of riches and power,
Of all the world offers, the best;
And mansions of marvelous bright-
ness.

—But I saw at the end no rest.

Then I answered, "Why seek ye my ruin?"

Why tempt ye a child of the Lord?
For He has redeemed and He keeps
me."

And the devil drew back at the
word;

And not a thing more did he offer,
And not a word more did he say,
But just at the name of the Saviour
He left me, and hastened away.

Lorie C. Gooding

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A Tour of the Blumenau Youth



The M.B. young people of Blumenau and Brother and Sister Kasdorf at the Vila-Guaira-M.B. Church, Curitiba. From left to right: Edeltraut Brunner, Horst Brunner (music director), Roland Rabitsch, Gisela Meglin, Hans Foryta, Iris Pahl, Erica Isleb, Adolario Isleb, Gerd Brunner, Esther Krueger (young people's leader), Lotte Salm, Egidio Brandes, Eraldo Polz, Ingelborg Isleb, H. Kasdorf, Frida Kasdorf.

Blumenau, Brazil. — The experiences, which the young people of Blumenau, Brazil, had from April 15 to 18, when they visited all the M. B. churches around Curitiba, shall never be forgotten. The purpose of their tour was to serve God.

The central theme of our program was Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. In all the items at the program the audience was faced by the question, "What does the cross of Christ mean to you?" Believers were encouraged to remain under the cross and unbelievers were challenged to come to the cross.

At the appointed place the young people assembled and boarded the Pullman bus. The early morning sun with its golden rays indicated favorable weather for the day.

Some of our group had never been beyond the bounds of the Santa Catarina state, and therefore they were repeatedly amazed at their new objects of observation. Even though jungles and mountains were nothing new, for Blumenau is surrounded by them, yet the ever changing view of scenery impressed us as we travelled. On the one side of the road we beheld the

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If you follow through these four steps you can conquer any temptation. First, to decide within yourself that you really want to conquer it. Second, to use the Bible intelligently as a weapon. Third, to pray definitely and daily for the opposite of what you are tempted to do. Fourth, to practice in actual life the opposite of your weakness. Taking these four steps is but using the resources that God has given us to use in overcoming our temptations. With slight modification it will apply to almost any temptation or situation. Try it and see.

Henry M. Savacool (Tract)

lofty mountains, while on the other, there were precipices which caused us to shudder. As we travelled, we reached the beautiful high mountains as well as deep valleys with their ripening rice fields. We came to a city with its luxury, magnificent buildings and wealthy and well clad people. A few miles away from the city, there was the pitiful sight of dilapidated dwellings, occupied by poorly clad and poverty stricken people. Poor they were indeed, materially as well as spiritually.

Within six hours we arrived in Curitiba. The brethren and sisters there gave us a hearty welcome. In the Villa-Guaira Mennonite Brethren church we rendered our first program. The Lord blessed us here with the consciousness of His presence as well as at Boqueirao, Witmarsum, Guarituba and Xaxim.

On April 16, we went into the city where we had the privilege of seeing the Orphan Home of the M.B. Church and also the airport. At the end of this journey one of the girls remarked, "I have enjoyed this trip. I have learned to know many young people and I myself have found the way of life." A young man said, "May the Lord bless us at all times, and may we be purer, more humble and more dedicated to Him, for only then can we point out the way of salvation to others."

Greetings in the name of the young people of Blumenau,
Esther Krueger.

Sewing Circles' Mother's Day Celebration

Niverville, Man. — The Senior Sewing Circle of the Mennonite Brethren Church was very pleased to be invited by the Junior Sewing Circle to a Mother-Daughter evening on Monday, May 9. The ladies met in the vestibule of the church.

Each one of the younger ladies escorted an older lady into the church, where we were seated in a circle.

The leader of the Junior Circle, Mrs. Frieda Martens, welcomed the mothers. Then Sister Hilda Hildebrandt opened the program with a song, reading of Psalm 121, and prayer.

After the prayer meeting the junior ladies sang the lovely song, "Auf Adlers Flügeln getragen", and one of them read a poem. Then each mother received a corsage of a pink rosebud from her escort, who also quoted a Bible verse. This was an impressive ceremony.

After an English song, Sister Justina Bergmann of the senior ladies told us some of her experiences as a mother in her home. This was very interesting. Then Sister Martens, also of the senior group told us of her life as mother of a large family, how she became a widow, and how God provided for them. Sister Hildebrandt — mother of 12 — related some of her experiences, she read a short poem, parts of which were quite humorous.

Sister John Wiebe presided over the next item. She asked who the oldest mother was, who had the most children, who had the oldest child, who had the youngest child. These mothers then each received a gift.

After another song, Sister George Dueck, Senior, related her experiences as a young mother.

The young women served delicious strawberry sponge cake and coffee. While the lunch was being prepared, Sister Foth gave us a stirring account of her and her family's escape from Poland.

The leader of the Senior Ladies, Mrs. Stoesz, expressed thanks to the Junior Sewing Circle for the evening, and closed with song and prayer.

It was an evening of blessing for me, and I'm sure for each sister that was present.

Helen Dueck.

Evangelistic Campaign at Swift Current

Swift Current has been the scene of a busy time of Christian fellowship. The Ministerial Association organized an evangelistic campaign for the city (May 29 — June 12). The guest speaker was Rev. H. Unruh, who is an instructor at the Briercrest Bible Institute. Mr. Ed Regier was in charge of the mass choir which served in song every night. It is sincerely hoped that through this joint effort we as members of the different churches may have grown in grace and that a greater bond of unity may have been created.

It was Sunday on June 19 that the first baptismal service was held in our church. There were eleven candidates.

Despite heavy rains, hail and,

strong winds, the young people's group motored to Kelstern on the eve of June 19. A program was rendered after which a dainty lunch was served by the ladies of the church.

Alvina Schroeder.

Ladies of Three Sewing Circles Meet

Woodrow, Sask. — The Woodrow Ladies Mission Sewing Circle met in the lower basement of the Mennonite Brethren Church on Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. A number of ladies from the Glen Bain Evangelical Brethren Mission as well as from the Mazenod Associated Gospel Church visited us. About 40 ladies had gathered here. Mrs. Norman Huebner opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer. A ladies trio brought a number from our group. Mrs. George Woit and Shirly Bodie sang a duet. Tina Erb presented a report on the work which they have done during the past year in the Mazenod group. The Glen Bain group brought a skit on their work led by Mrs. Ruth Lesky. Mrs. Ruth Fauser gave a report on the work which our group has done. Mrs. Wally Gripp gave a talk on the Christian in the Home. A lovely lunch was served by Mrs. June Rusk, Bertha Peters, Katie Biffart and Mrs. Emma Sutter.

Neufeld Brothers have Successful Concerts

Clearbrook, B. C. — Talented young pianists and violinists, pupils of Menno and Walter Neufeld, performed at two well-attended concerts on June 7 and 9. The concerts, both different, were held in the auditorium of the Abbotsford Junior High School.

The programs consisted of selections by the well-known Valley String Symphony, chamber music by a local string quartet, and solo performances by outstanding piano and violin pupils.

The Valley String Symphony, conducted by Walter Neufeld, consists of 70 violinists, 4 violists, 5 cellists and 2 bass players. A good number of the orchestra members include Junior High and Elementary school pupils.

The orchestra selections in the first concert included: March Lento by W. Neufeld, Cinfonia in C major by Vivaldi, and Barcarolle, from "Tales of Hoffman" by Offenbach. On the second concert the more advanced orchestra players performed Overture "The Power of Music" by Boyce, "Eine kleine Nachtmusik", by Mozart, and Mr. Walter Neufeld's arrangement of "Wenn die liebe Sonne sinket."

Numerous pupils of Menno and Walter Neufeld have been frequent award and class winners at various music festivals, including the B.C. Music Festival in Vancouver.

\$ 100,000 Mennonite Mental Home in Sask.

Our Mennonite churches have always endeavored to assist people in need, particularly those of their own faith.

In the year 1938 a reorganization of the Mennonite Relief Committee in the five provinces on a more uniform basis was effected whereby each committee was to be responsible for the need of its own province.

During the war years and immediately following World War II, considerable relief, both in food and clothes was sent overseas, to England, Western Europe, Korea and other parts of the world. In 1943 our Committee was requested to turn its attention to our mentally retarded and mentally ill. At a general meeting of representatives of our churches of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon on August 4, 1959 after the assurance had been given that the Department of the Saskatchewan Government would give considerable assistance both to the building and maintenance of such an Institution, it was decided to build and operate a home for mentally retarded and mentally ill. Final approval of incorporation and registration was given at the end of January 1960 under the Society Act of 1959 and under the name "Mennonite Mental Home of Sask." Among the several offers of the proposed Institution, the town of Watrous offered the corporation twelve acres of land, as well as other necessities for such an institution. It was decided to accept this offer.

The anticipated cost of this building is \$100,000 of which at least half must be collected before construction can begin. At this time the committee seeks the prayerful support of our churches and friends.

Why are we concerned? 1) Because God created all human beings and also the sick (John 9:5), 2) because God created one human family and together we form one family unit (Acts 17:26), 3) because each one is of infinite value (Eph. 4:7), 4) each human being is a potential to society, to the community, to the church and to God (1 Cor. 12:22), 5) because the Word of God calls for it (Hebr. 13:3), 6) because we are to remember those that are in bonds.

May we, as your friends, give you an opportunity to share in helping the needy and those who are bound mentally? God is keeping record of your assistance in love and will reward you according to His riches in glory.

"We remind you of the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me' (Matth. 25:40).

All contributions may be sent to our Relief treasurer Mr. A. K.

Klassen, Box 445, Herschel, Sask.

The Lord bless you as you take part in this undertaking. In the name of the committee

Isaac H. Block, chairman.

M.B. Seminary Confers Degrees

Fresno, Calif. — Three Bachelor of Divinity degrees were conferred here Friday, June 3, at the annual commencement exercises of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

Recipients of the degrees were Arthur Harder, Willy Janz and Daniel Schellenberg.

Mr. Harder has been called to the pastorate of the Broadway Heights M. B. Church at Weatherford, Okla., Mr. Janzen, who came to the United States from Paraguay in 1945, expects to take up Bible school teaching and youth work in that country, and Mr. Schellenberg will continue his service as pastor of the Hilltop Chapel at Miramonte, Calif.

Rev. Owen Onsum, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Fresno, was the commencement speaker. His subject was, "Whereto from Here?"

58th Canadian Mennonite Conference

Steinbach, Man. — The 58th session of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada convened here July 2 to 6, under the general theme, "Examine Yourselves."

Meetings of the four conference boards took place before the sessions, on July 1. A ministers conference was held on Saturday, July 2, with the first regular conference sessions beginning in the evening.

Rev. J. M. Pauls, conference moderator, gave the conference sermon on Monday, July 4, followed by the report of the mission board.

Visiting speakers for the missions program on Sunday, July 3, were Rev. Andrew Shelly, executive secretary of the General Conference mission board, and Rev. Vernon Sprunger, secretary of the Congo Inland Mission.

Ordinations of missionaries which took place Sunday afternoon, included Anne Neufeld, Ninga, Man.; Dr. and Mrs. Homer Janzen, Saskatoon, Sask.; and Anne Thiessen, Hague, Sask.

Board of Christian Service concerns were presented on Monday afternoon, July 4, Board of Education on Tuesday morning, July 5, and the Board of Finance on Wednesday, July 5, and the Board of Finance on Wednesday, July 6.

50th Canadian M.B. Conference

Virgil, Ontario. — The 50th Canadian M.B. Conference took place

at Virgil, Ont., on July 2 to 6. There were 285 delegates. Of these 81 were from Ontario, 101 from Manitoba, 40 from Saskatchewan, 22 from Alberta and 41 from British Columbia. Present were also 16 missionaries from foreign fields.

Mennonite Prize Winners

The Manitoba University has granted awards for good work done by the following Mennonite students: in Medicine: Clarence Guenter \$600, Cornelius Toews \$150; in Engineering: Waldemar Lehn \$600, Harry Wall \$200; in Commerce: Henry Rempel \$525; in Arts and Science: Henry Friesen \$400, Harry Sawatzky \$300, David Hoepfner \$200, Wilma Toews \$150, Rita Suderman \$150, Elfrieda Toews \$115, Helen Schroeder \$100, Helen Wedel \$100, James Friesen \$100, Sigrid Funk \$100, Robert Martens \$100, George Dyck \$100; in Agriculture: Henry Enns \$150, Richard Klassen \$50 and Gerald Harder \$50.

Dr. H. Friesen Joins Staff of Boston Hospital

Dr. Henry G. Friesen, son of Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Friesen, Morden, Man., spent a few days at his home here, prior to his departure for Boston, Mass., where he will be on the medical staff of the famous New England Centre Hospital. While there, he will also be working on research in the field of internal medicine, on a \$4500 annual grant from the U.S. Public Health Service.

Nurses Assn. Meeting Part of Nation-Wide Mission Board Session

Lansdale, Pa. — The 19th annual meeting of the Mennonite Nurses Association was held at the Christopher Dock school here as a part of the annual sessions of the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, attended by some 4,000 persons on June 16 to 19.

Sixty-five members and a number of visitors attended the Nurses Association meeting on June 18, with 11 of 15 local associations represented and eight missionary nurses present.

Sara Rush, a missionary nurse on furlough from Ethiopia, gave the devotional meditation and Florence Nafziger spoke about her work at the Christian hospital and nursing school in Dhamtari, India.

The Franconia Mennonite Nurses Association provided for an evening fellowship and picnic supper, attended by about 170 doctors, nurses and their families.

OBITUARIES

Jacob J. Fast

Mr. Jacob J. Fast, 60, Chilliwack Central Road, Chilliwack, B.C., died suddenly in the morning of June 30.

The funeral service was held from the East Chilliwack M.B. Church on July 4. Mourning over the early death of Mr. Fast are his wife, Mrs. Fast, eight children and many relatives and friends.

Killed by Lightning

Henderson, Nebraska. — A 47-year-old farmer of this community was instantly killed by a bolt of lightning on Monday morning, June 27.

He was Herman J. Kliever who was struck while working his corn east of his farm home 4 1/4 miles southeast of Aurora. The bolt of lightning threw him clear of the go-dig, and the tractor traveled on into a shelter belt which stopped the machine.

The body was found by his 14-year-old son Richard who went to investigate when his father did not come home.

Memorial services were held on June 30. The deceased was a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church here. The church sanctuary was filled to capacity for the service.

Surviving besides his son Richard are Mrs. Kliever, a pre-school son Ardean and a married daughter Mrs. Betty Lou Penner of Wichita, Kansas.

Ed Boschmann

Mr. Ed Boschmann, 28, of Rosemary, Alta., drowned in Rock Lake, eight miles south of Rosmary, on July 3, at 2 pm.

Teacher Dies

Miss Ilse Funk, 36, died during a heart operation in the Winnipeg General Hospital, on June 30. Funeral service was held from the North Kildonan Mennonite Church on July 4. Her mourning mother, Mrs. Susanna Funk, resides at 343 Hawthorne Ave., North Kildonan, Winnipeg 5, Manitoba.

Visitors Complete Tour

(Continued from page 1-4) friendly, kind and helpful." Fast continues, "If our countries would only permit peoples to know each other it would be surprising how quickly they would learn to respect one another. As long as Russia is afraid of free communication of our peoples and as long as US citizens act pharisaically toward Russia and are distrustful, very little progress will be possible."

Being in the Soviet Union shortly after the U2 incident also allowed the men to feel the repercussions of the plane shooting and of the following summit failure. They saw the U2 wreckage. In Helsinki they met with a university professor of political science to discuss East-West relations, particularly how Finland interprets the existing order.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS



Sister Martha Janzen

Sister Martha Janzen, of the Mountain Lake Church, is returning to the Congo where she has previously labored and given many years of her life. She returned to the homeland in 1956 with her husband — the late A. A. Janzen. Sister Janzen first went to the mission field in the Congo in 1928 and has served for three terms. She rejoices in the grace of the Lord Who has called her for a fourth term of service. Recently she has acquired laboratory and X-ray training. Her assignment in the Congo is visualized at Kipungu where she is to replace Sister Mathilda Wall (Orland, California) whose furlough is overdue.



Sister Arlene Gerdes

Sister Arlene Gerdes of the Mountain Lake, Minnesota Church is returning to the Belgian Congo for her second term of missionary service. During her period of furlough she has acquired additional training as a nurse. Plans are for her to serve in the medical ministry at Kafumba in the Congo where she will replace Sister Erna Funk (Corn, Oklahoma) who is to return for furlough.

The departure of Ben H. Klassen family (Morden, Manitoba) for the Belgian Congo has been indefinitely postponed because of a health con-

dition. The Klassens together with the Sisters Darlene Reimer (Reedley, California) and Mary Toews (Clearbrook, B.C.) were scheduled to sail from New York on July 14. With this change, it is considered advisable that Sister Reimer and Toews travel together with three other sisters who were scheduled to depart on July 28 from New York. Plans are now being made that these five sisters depart by plane on August 17. This will bring them to the Congo later than earlier planned when conditions may be more settled.

Brother and Sister George Faul and family (Sawyer, North Dakota) are still scheduled to sail for the Congo from New York on June 30. Their departure at this time had been questioned in view of the possibility of unsettled conditions in the Congo at the time of their arrival. In the event of any evidences of serious conditions in the Congo upon their arrival, it is planned that they remain with Brother and Sister Harold Fehderau (Kitchener, Ontario) who live within 11 miles of the port city of Matadi. Let us pray that the Faus may experience the Lord's leading and protection as they proceed to the Congo.

A larger staff in Brazil now makes it possible to organize an Administrative Committee on the field according to the new "Guiding Principles and Field Policies." Another progressive step of the Brazil field is the inclusion of national brethren in missionary groups which go into the interior to survey opportunities and do extension work. This is also in line with the new policies.

Brother and Sister Henry P. Poetker (Hepburn, Saskatchewan) and children stopped at Hillsboro, Buhler and Corn on June 10, 11 and 12, on their way to Canada via California. Brother Poetker took graduate work at Wheaton College before his return to the India field where he will be closely associated with young people's work. The Poetker family is to leave New York for India on July 15, the Lord willing.

Sister Viola Janz was ordained to missionary service on June 5 by her home church at Herbert, Sask. She is also scheduled to sail for India on July 15.

The shipping of baggage is always connected with great risks. Sister Mary E. Martens (Fairview, Oklahoma) reports that when her baggage arrived in Paraguay, she found upon examination of the containers that 78 items had been stolen and were missing from the list. We also need to pray more earnestly for the safety of the missionaries' equipment shipped to the fields when the missionaries go out.

Brother and Sister Hugo Jantz (East Chilliwack, B.C.) are the parents of a daughter Angelika Katherine born May 15 in Quito, Ecuador.

The Nagase church in Japan is making preparations for the construction of a church building. When completed, this will be the fifth church group in Japan to erect a house of worship. A lot for the building has been purchased near a university campus which is considered to be a strategic location. The Nagase church fellowship together with the other Japanese churches have provided funds for the purchase of the lot. Construction of the building is dependent upon the availability of funds. The Nagase church has declared its willingness to assume its share of the construction costs which would amount to \$2,000.



Sister Kathryn Willems

Sister Kathryn Willems of the Corn, Oklahoma Church is also returning for a fourth term of missionary service in the Congo. Her period of furlough has been spent in study, deputation and literature ministry at Kafumba. The Corn Church will wish her God's blessing in a farewell service on July 3.

With the large movement of missionaries to and from the fields during these months, it behooves us to present each of them to the Lord of the harvest for his protection and blessing.

A new Gospel outreach in Japan is being started at Kuwana — the typhoon disaster area in which our mission as well as MCC did considerable relief and rehabilitation work last fall. The new work in Kuwana is being recognized as God's leading into a greater Gospel outreach in our ministry in Japan. Sister Rubena Gunther, Readley, Calif. and a Japanese sister have been assigned to work in this area and also to be responsible for relief services. On week ends members of the Bible school will be preaching the Gospel and conducting services in Kuwana.

A recent report from Brother Harry Friesen (Henderson Nebraska) indicates encouraging developments in the work of the Bible school and our conference in Japan.

One encouraging aspect are the graduates of the Bible school. Two women students graduated from the three-year Christian education course are the first graduates. Both

is appear to be chosen vessels for the Lord's service. One assists Sister Gunther in Kuwana and the other is engaged full time in radio program follow-up duties. Our missionaries are also grateful for the Lord's leading in the addition of a fourth year to the Bible school training program. The four fourth-year students are entering into our conference work in Japan as they complete their training. Brother Kurita is responsible for the Hirano church which is planning to take on his entire support if possible. Brother and Sister Takeda have moved into the Kasugade church parsonage and are taking on the main responsibility of the church. Brother Sato of Nagase is responsible for the preaching services in that church. Brother Nakamura of Ishibashi is preaching at Kuwana on week ends. The present term of the Bible school is scheduled to close for summer vacation on July 16, then open again on September 13 and run until October 15.

Another encouraging development is the joining of a dedicated, trained Japanese brother to our conference and Bible school in Japan. He is Philip Tsuchiya. He is a graduate of a high standard language university in Tokyo and had almost 10 years of experience as interpreter for evangelistic teams. Brother Tsuchiya has been asked to serve as instructor in the Bible school to head up the department of evangelism.

Brother and Sister G. H. Jantzen (Fresno, Calif.) write that the first baptism is anticipated at Neustadt, Germany. Six believers had expressed their desire for baptism. The service was tentatively scheduled for June 26 in a Baptist church in Kaiserslautern. Let us pray that this beginning of a church might increase of testimony in that place. The Jantzens also indicate that a youth camp was to be held on a Bible school campus at Seeheim from June 15 to 19 for which more than 60 young folks had enrolled.

Brother and Sister Herbert Krause (Fresno, Calif.) were expected to arrive in Neustadt, Germany, on June 23 for a several-day visit. The Krauses have served at Kadai-kanal, India, where our missionary children go to school.

Although a number of European countries have a large proportion of young people, few of them are converted though the ministry of their churches. One difficulty is that it is possible for them to become church members without personally experiencing salvation, and too often the preaching undermines confidence in the Bible as the Word of God. Pray that the efforts being put forth to win young people to Christ through camps and conferences may bear fruit, and that many of those won will presently be able to help provide the spiritual leadership so sorely needed in all parts of Europe. —Missionary Mandate.



THE Young Observers



Dear Girls and Boys,

Holiday time is here at last! How are you going to spend your months of freedom? Some of you will be going on a trip, some of you will be going to a Christian camp, and others may go to stay with Grandma and Grandpa. Wherever you go, whether visiting or helping at home, I would like you to remember the verse "Be ye kind" (Eph. 4:32). It is short enough to learn during holiday time.

Little Mary spent her time by being kind. Her neighbor, Mrs. Brown, was sick in bed so she brought her a bowl of custard and some flowers.

"We have a little bell at home" said Mary. "I will get it and put it by your bed. If you feel very bad and want us to come and help you, just ring the bell and we'll come."

All day Mary listened for the tinkle of the bell. One time she gave Mrs. Brown a drink of water, and later on she pulled down the shades to keep the bright sunshine from the room.

That night before Mary went to bed, her mother said, "You have been very kind today. I am proud of you."

"I was happy to help Mrs. Brown", said Mary. "Let us ask God to take good care of her at night and make her well again."

While Mary and her mother were talking to God in their home, Mrs. Brown was talking to God as she lay in her bed. She was saying thanks to God for such kind neighbors.

Maybe you, too, can be kind to someone who needs help.

Love, Aunt Helen

Ancient Eggs

Joe and Bob were playing hide-and-seek in the stacks back of the red barn. Joe was digging into one of the huge stacks, to hide himself, when suddenly a red-brown hen flew up with a loud squawk. Joe peered into the nest, his eyes wide with surprise.

"Bob", Joe yelled, "come quick! There's a hundred—or a couple dozens—eggs in here!" He began to count them. "...seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty. Twenty eggs, Bob!"

"Twenty!" echoed Bob. "Whew!"

"And you know what? Maybe Mother will pay me a nickel for finding them."

Bob looked doubtful. "What if the old hen has been setting?"

"I'll crack one and see." Joe pitched an egg against a stone, but it was ruined. The hen had been sitting for some time.

"Maybe she will have chicks soon," Bob said. "We shouldn't disturb her nest."

"But Dad is going to bale this hay next week," Joe reminded him. "Say, I have an idea. Let's take the eggs down to Potts' Corner Grocery and sell them."

"But that wouldn't be honest," Bob answered in surprise.

"Well, it wouldn't hurt to do it just this once, I guess," Joe argued. "Think of the money we'd have to spend for candy!"

Bob hesitated. He knew it was wrong, he hated to displease his

older brother. And besides, he had a "sweet-tooth" of his own.

"Come on," Joe coaxed. "It won't hurt to do it just once. We won't do it another time." And he hurried off to find a paper sack.

All the half-mile to the store Bob hung back. But when the eggs were sold he was eager to help choose the candy they could get with the money, and still more eager to eat it.

Next morning there was a familiar horn sounding across the countryside, and Uncle Jim's long blue car rolled up to the boys' house.

"Hi, fellows!" he greeted. "Ask your mother if you can go fishing with me at the lake."

The boys ran for their fishing equipment while Mother talked to Uncle Jim. A few minutes later they were off to the lake, delighted to go with their favourite Uncle.

"If we don't catch some fish this morning, boys, we may get hungry," Uncle Jim said laughingly. "You'd better be successful."

But not one of them caught a fish during the long, lazy forenoon.

"Guess we won't have any dinner," Joe said sadly. "Boy, am I getting hungry, too!"

"Cheer up," his uncle said gaily. "I stopped down at the corner

grocery and bought a dozen eggs, just in case we needed them. We'll build a fire and boil them. Our fun need not be spoiled just because those fish were too wise to bite."

Very soon all three were laughing heartily as they tried to see who could remember the funniest stories, while the eggs boiled merrily in the pail over their campfire.

At last they were ready to eat, and the boys cut into their eggs with a bang. But oh! Awful! They were worse than stale! The sight of them fairly made them sick!

"The very ones we sold," said Bob, out loud, before he thought.

Joe gave him a quick look that plainly said, "You silly; keep still."

But Uncle Jim had heard—and he also saw the look Joe gave.

"There's some trouble here. Tell me about it, boys. I must know," said Uncle Jim firmly. And bit by bit the boys told him the whole story.

"But we don't intend to do it again," defended Joe. "It doesn't hurt to do things like that just once."

"It doesn't?" Uncle Jim looked surprised. "I'm not the one who sold those eggs, yet I am cheated out of my dinner today because of them. And if someone else had bought them, no telling how much trouble it would have caused them. I'm really hungry, aren't you fellows?"

The boys did not answer, and Uncle Jim continued: "On top of that, you deceived Mr. Pott. And deceit is sin, whether you deceive just once or a dozen times. All sin brings punishment, sooner or later. The punishment may not come for a long time, but it will surely come."

"Let's go home," suggested Bob. Their fun was spoiled. No use staying at the lake any longer.

Uncle Jim moved toward the long blue car and the boys climbed into the back seat.

No one had a word to say all the way home. But down deep in the heart of two boys there was a purpose—that by the help of Jesus they would try to be honest, and never again deceive anyone.

Buelah Myers.

Salvation Army's Publication,
"The Young Soldier".

A Watch on Your Lips

"Alice," said Mother, "it is time for you to practise your lesson."

"Oh, Mother, I don't want to practise," said Alice. "I hate learning to play that old piano."

"Why, Alice," Mother exclaimed, "I always thought that you wanted to learn to play."

"Well, I don't," said Alice. "I hate it—I wish I had never laid eyes on a music book."

Mother did not answer, but she looked quite sad. She went out of the room and closed the door.

At last Alice sat down at the piano and began to practise. She really loved music and wanted to

learn to play. However, this morning she was feeling cross, and she wanted to go outside and play. She began to feel sorry when she remembered how rude she had been to her mother.

Mother was always so gentle and kind to her little daughter. She made such pretty dresses for her, and she helped her with her school work. She would take time out to play games with Alice, too.

"I wish that Mother would come back," Alice thought, but her mother did not come.

Alice went on with her practising. She did not get along very well, though, for her mind was not on her music. At last when she had practised for an hour, she went to look for her mother.

"I am sorry that I was so naughty, Mother," she said. "I didn't really mean to be."

"I am sorry, too," said Mother. "I do not like to have any little girl say things that she does not mean."

"Why do those naughty words slip out, Mother?" asked Alice. "I am unhappy when I say them."

"It is easy to let unkind and cross words slip out," said Mother, "Some people get in the habit of saying unkind things when they are very young, and then it is hard to break that habit when they are older."

"I shouldn't like to be like that, Mother," said Alice. "How can I keep from saying unkind words now Mother?"

"Your Heavenly Father will help you," Mother told her small daughter. "The Bible tells us in many places to watch our lips and the words that we say. This is a good verse for you to remember: 'Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.'"

"I shall learn it, Mother, and make it my daily prayer," Alice said. "I have learned that I need to watch my lips."

Elizabeth B. Jones

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"The Young Soldier".

CAN HE HEAR?

God is in Heaven; can He hear
A little prayer like mine?
Yes, that He can; I need not fear,
He'll listen unto mine.

God is in Heaven; can He see
When I am doing wrong?
Yes, that He can; He looks at me,
All day and all night long.

God is in Heaven; would He know
If I should tell a lie?
Yes, though I said it very low,
He'd hear it in the sky.

God is in Heaven; does He care
Or is He good to me?
Yes, all I have to eat or wear,
'Tis God that gives it me.

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(29th Instalment)

Virginia spoke. "I have a feeling that she's on the defensive against us—that she doesn't dare trust us fully—that she doesn't believe in our love for her. Oh, if I could only convince her of that! I never had anything mean so much to me in my whole life. It means more than having Daddy get well, because Dad is a Christian. It means more than finding Allie May, much as I want to do that. I think the thing that disturbed her so much this afternoon was the knowledge that she had destroyed the clue that might have led us to Allie May. I was disturbed, too, and I'm ashamed that I let her know it. I'd be willing never to find Allie May if I could just convince Sherry of how much I love her, and that, in spite of all her faults, Christ loves her much more than I ever can. Oh, Steve, I'd be willing to die myself if I could convince her!"

"Do you mean that?" came Sherry's tense tones from the doorway. "Ginny, do you mean that?"

Virginia and Steve sprang from the davenport and started toward her. She was leaning against the door, and her dark eyes revealed a desperate yearning. Virginia's arms went about her.

"Sherry dear, of course I mean it! If I could only make you believe me! I love you just as you are, and I'd give anything I possess if I could make you understand that Jesus loves you much more than I can."

Steve spoke, looking straight into her eyes.

"Sherry, neither Ginny nor I know just what it is that's troubling you. We don't know what's keeping you away from the folks you love and who are now heart-broken over you. They love you so much that they're sick over separation from you. But God loves you more than that. We don't know what sin is keeping you here when your heart is aching for your folks, but God knows that, too. And He can forgive it all."

Sherry's eyes closed as the tears streamed down her cheeks.

"How can He care when I've been so stubborn? Will you two ask Him for me?"

The three of them knelt beside the davenport. Steve, sensing that Virginia could not speak, prayed first asking the Holy Spirit to lead Sherry into a knowledge and acceptance of Christ's redeeming love. Then Virginia prayed, thanking God for that love and asking that Sherry might realize it. Both prayers were halting and without smoothness or polish. But they

were sincere and blazed their way to the Throne. As they prayed, the greatest miracle in the world took place once more,—a soul was born into the family of God through faith in the shed blood of His only Son. When Virginia and Steve had prayed they waited, wondering if Sherry would offer a petition. With a sob, she began.

"Thank You, Lord. You are the only one who could have loved enough to atone for me. I am Yours forever. Please help me to do what I have to do now. Amen." When they arose from their knees, she spoke with typical decision and thoroughness.

"Steve, will you get the folks on the phone while I wash my face? I have to talk to them tonight."

By the time Central's voice said, "Here is your party," Sherry was ready to talk. Steve reached for Virginia's hand and gripped it nervously as they waited.

"Hello—hello! Mother, is it you? —Yes, it is: —Oh, Mother, I'm—I'm sorry!"

The voice at the other end of the line must have betrayed its owner's emotions, for Sherry was saying, "Mother, don't cry! Just listen. I'm all changed, Mother—and I—I want to tell you first of all that I'm sorry. Mother—Mother—can you hear me? What? Oh, hello, Dad! Yes, I meant it, and I want to come home! Dad may I talk to Don now?"

As she listened, her face registered disappointment. Then she said firmly, "No, I can't come, Dad, until I talk to Don. Tell him to call me as soon as he gets in tomorrow. Oh, Dad, I do love you all, and I wish Mother could kiss me good night right now!"

She turned from the phone and sat down on a chair as if exhausted.

"Don's out on a buying trip. Dad thinks he'll be back in tomorrow early and he'll call then—I hope."

"You know he will," assured Steve, giving her a reassuring pat on the shoulder.

"If he calls by noon, I'm starting home on the two o'clock train."

At the thought she sat up alertly as if her weariness had vanished. "Ginny, will you set my hair before we go to bed? I want an extra-special hair-do tomorrow. It's going to be my big day, and I want to shine!"

CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

While they were eating breakfast next morning, Sherry decided that only by keeping busy could she live through the hours until a call came.

"Aunt Molly and Ginny cleaned so hard last week that there's nothing left for me to clean," she

mourned. "Oh, I know! While the parlor fire is out, I'll polish the stove. Its shining beauty will give you something to remember me by when I've left you—which thing I am going to do this very day, if I can!"

"If you do the best polishin' job that was ever done, it couldn't shine the way your face does this morning," said Aunt Molly happily.

Sherry found stove blacking and brushes in the lumber room, and, having spread newspapers over the floor to protect the carpet, she began her labors with Kit as an admiring audience. Kit had been awakened at seven o'clock by hearing Virginia tell Aunt Molly what had happened last night, and her whole day had assumed a roseate glow. Even the news that Sherry might leave soon did not dim her joy, for Sherry had promised that she would have Kit come to visit her in her own home—"the loveliest house, in the nicest town, with the dearest people in the world." she said.

She climbed onto a stool and began to work on the pipe. The stool was low, and even for Sherry's extreme height the reach was difficult. But the stepladder was out in the shed and she was in a hurry. She leaned over to polish the last spot next to the wall. In doing so she stepped too close to the edge of the stool. The stool tipped and Sherry, feeling herself falling, grabbed at the stove pipe. The pipe had not been intended as a support for such a weight, and it and Sherry came down together. Virginia and Aunt Molly heard Kit's scream and the clatter, and came running to find Sherry in the ruins. The pipe had contained several months' accumulation of soot, and this was now liberally sprinkled over Sherry's person.

"Oh!" squealed Kit suddenly from the window, "There's a man running down the lane. Steve's coming, too. And there's a yellow jeep!"

Sherry flew to the window, then whirled with face aglow.

"Oh, get out! Get out, please! All of you, get out!"

She gave them a shove through the door, slammed it, and left them, a bewildered group in the middle of the dining room. Kit recovered her breath first.

"She just shoved us out!" she sputtered.

Steve knocked at the door, then came in without waiting for an answer, looking excited and happy.

"My guest didn't stop to knock," he said, smiling. "But the emergency was great and I hope you'll forgive him."

"I presume that Sherry's brother has arrived," said Virginia as Kit started a tale of the morning's adventure.

Fifteen minutes later Sherry's voice called, "Steve," and he hurried into the parlor. He was back in a minute.

"I never saw such a sight. Trust Sherry to get into a mess like that. She has gone upstairs to clean up, and wants me to take Don and some hot water up to the east room. She has blacked him up for fair!"

"I'd better take more water up to her," said Virginia. "It will take more than one pitcherful to clean her up. Oh, for a bathtub and unlimited hot water!"

It was an hour later that Virginia and Kit entered the parlor once more. Steve rose to introduce them to the tall young man beside him.

"My cousin, Don Carlson."

Don shook hands with them and seated himself again between Steve and Sherry. One arm was around Sherry's shoulders and she rested trustfully against him. She was a transformed Sherry—eyes shining, cheeks glowing, her face surrounded with brown curls that kept slipping from the red ribbon with which Virginia had attempted to bind them. Gone was the sallow, sullen girl with the absurd topknot. In her place was this radiant young woman who had said last night, "I want to shine!" She was really shining today.

It was into the midst of this happy situation that Jim and Kurt walked. They had six hours before the train must take them on to the city, and they wanted to give their sisters a full account of how things were going at the hospital in New York. As soon as they had been introduced, Sherry and Don slipped out to the kitchen, sending back word by Aunt Molly that they would get lunch and let the brothers and sisters visit.

"No, we didn't see Dad," said Jim. "We stood outside in the hall and heard him talk to Mother. His voice was pretty strong yesterday afternoon."

"Doc says he can come home in about three weeks if all goes well," put in Kurt.

"Home?" said Virginia. "It will have to be here. Kit is well enough now to go upstairs and we'll fix that back bedroom for him. Did you tell Mother all about us, Jim?"

"Yes, and she almost had a fit when she heard about Kit's leg and your living out here. I had a hard time getting her calm enough to go back to Dad."

"Yeah, but she was bustin' her buttons with pride before we left to think her kids could be so smart and self-reliant."

"I don't blame her," said Kit. "I think we're keen! And it's been fun, too!"

"Sez you!" replied Jim, looking over her head at Virginia, who smiled back at him and remarked, "With Dad getting well and Sherry so happy, anything would seem like fun."

(To be continued)

He who you say has passed away has simply posted ahead. —Seneca

Eirene Team Assists Morocco Refugee Farm

By Harvey Martin

We are north of Oujda, close to the Mediterranean Sea and the Algerian-Morocco border. On this 700 to 800 acre farm we are developing projects to help train refugees so they will support themselves when they return to Algeria.

There are about 80 refugees on the farm; 16 are boys from 3 to 20 years old. Our first main project was giving technical assistance. Other projects were poultry raising, a carpenter shop to help serve as a source of income and an apprentice shop for the boys as well as a sports program to give the men moral support until the wheat was ready for harvest.

The Oujda refugee farm belongs to an Algerian who came to Morocco before the Algerian conflict was a major world problem. During that time he accumulated several big farms; now he is helping his countrymen by giving these farms to the **Crescent Rouge Algerian** (similar to the American Red Cross) for rehabilitation work. During his visit to Morocco in 1959, C. L. Graber, Goshen, Ind., arranged to have EIRENE give the farm technical assistance.

After buying a tractor and a wheat drill we went to the farm to help sow 140 acres of wheat. We were received like kings; farm boss Sidi Cadar cleared out his office and moved in equipment—beds, bags, blankets, cookstove and more. There was no electricity on the farm so we were given the best lamp which Sidi Cadar himself used. He must also have given strict orders to his men to treat us with respect; when we left our house, refugees would snap to attention and salute us.

Later an earthquake at the south Moroccan city of Agadir took place. Immediate assistance was needed; Daryl, our new director, took part of the EIRENE team with picks and shovels to see what help could be given the stricken city. Thousands of refugees were fleeing the city. The Royal Moroccan Army, however, had everything very well under control; it rescued hundreds of victims and helped organize camps where the refugees could sleep, be fed and clothed. In one of these camps, where a Swedish organization had set up an emergency kitchen, we assisted in feeding over 2,000 children a day. As the emergency passed we looked for a long range project. Also, during this time, the World Council of Churches worked closely with EIRENE providing funds as well as helping to investigate needs and arrange service projects.

We found the project we were looking for in a few mountain villages north of Agadir. Because of their distance from the martyred city, people in these removed vil-

lages had not received sufficient relief. Having a sizeable amount of supplies from WCC, we could help meet this need immediately. We began by distributing tents to the mountain people through a school teacher who knew French and made it possible to organize our relief work.

At this time I was sent back to the refugee farm with John Glick and Immanuel Munz to harvest the wheat we sowed earlier in the year at Oujda with the equipment supplied by the Old Order Mennonite Churches of Lancaster County, Pa.

It is difficult for us to converse with the refugees; however, even with this difficulty we get many visitors in the evenings and they love to talk about their experiences being guerilla-fighters in the Algerian mountains.

One of them looking across the almost barren hills at the Algerian mountains stated, "I have a wife and children over there. I don't know if they are alive. I haven't heard or seen them for over two years. How do I know if they get enough to eat?"

In most of these faces we see expressions of hatred and despair. How can we comfort them, how can we explain to them it is not Christians who are trying to bring about their downfall, as is their common belief?

MCC News Briefs

1960 Europe and Holy Land Tour Announced — This fall Menno Travel Service will again sponsor a European and Holy Land Tour. Beginning Sept. 6, the 1960 itinerary lists points of interest in England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel and France to be toured on the 42-day trip ending Oct. 18. Besides seeing sights particularly relevant to Mennonite history in Europe and areas of interest in the Holy Land, a highlight for the tourists will be the Oberammergau Passion Play, a play presented decennially by citizens of Oberammergau in the Bavaria Alps since 1637. This scheduled tour invites all persons interested in an educational vacation abroad to inquire at regional Menno Travel Service offices in Newton, Kan., and Goshen, Ind., or to write to MTS headquarters in Akron, Pa., for additional information.

Paxmen in Bolivia Meet with Consulates — In a request which Paxmen Waldemar Klassen, Vauxhall, Alberta, and Toni Braun, Altona, Man., made to the Akron MCC office for literature on Mennonites to distribute to government officials, Klassen reports of visits with Canadian and British officials. He states: "Recently we have

managed to interest the Canadian and British Diplomatic Service in Canadian Mennonites in Bolivia and in the Chaco of Paraguay. We arranged a visit of two diplomats to the Canadian Mennonites in Bolivia." This is important Klassen says because, "these Canadian Mennonites have not been cared for by their diplomatic service since 1926 when they left Canada for Paraguay. The visit of the diplomats was the first in 34 years."

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Service Orientation for 35 is in Session

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — The second major 1960 summer orientation school for MCC personnel began June 29. During a two week preparation period, 35 persons are studying Mennonite Central Committee history, philosophy and service program as well as discussing involvements of service in domestic and overseas assignments. Twenty-one of the 35 will go into various projects in either Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Europe, Jordan or Algeria, under the Pax and Foreign Relief Office; fourteen will begin service under the Voluntary Service Office.

Oriented for Pax and Relief Service

Medical aid at the Chaco Leprosy Sanatorium will be given by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Klassen, Brandon, Man., who will replace the John Schmidt's during their furlough, and in the colonies by Grace Seibel, R.N., Dinuba, Calif.

Another nurse to go to South America is Mary Willms, R.N., Coaldale, Alberta. She will help Mennonite colonists near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Six Paxmen will join the overseas program for young men. Martin Harder, Swift Current, Sask.; will help in the Le-Tourneau project in Peru.

Voluntary Service

Three VSers will serve in MMHS-sponsored mental hospitals—Jeanne Bachert, Kitchener, Ont., at Prairie View Hospital, Newton, Kan.; Helga Bartel, Vancouver, B.C., at Kings View Hospital, Reedley, Calif.; and Ruth Klassen, Mission, B.C., at Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Md.

To serve in boy's homes assignments are Elaine Baechler, Wellesley, Ont., at Wiltwyck School for Boys in Esopus, N.Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. John Klassen, Winnipeg, Man., at Boys Village, Smithville, Ohio.

Congo Missionary Fellowship Meets

By Mrs. Leslie Ortman (Marion, South Dakota)

This year's fellowship conference was a highlight for all missionaries for we were privileged to have with us the Brethren J. B. Toews and John C. Ratzlaff. However, the conference seemed much too short as it was scheduled during our busiest season.

Ecole Belle Vue had closed only a few days before, and Walter and Irma Sawatsky were busy saying good-by to the families leaving, preparing the cabins and welcoming the new group. The school directors were occupied with final examinations for the closing of primary school, sixth and seventh grades and teachers training course. Missionaries going home on furlough were called out in the midst of their packing. Committee meetings and joint native conferences were held in preparation for our business session. The day after the Brethren Toews and Ratzlaff landed in Kikwit they were found attending the meetings and explained the program of native leadership as we're entering a new era of missionary service. In this busy setting the conference days were held; yet it was a wonderful time to draw apart and listen to God's message to us at a time of crisis in the Congo.

Brother Toews led in our morning devotionals centered on the theme — "A Chosen Vessel" as found in Acts 9:15. He stressed the fact that we must be aware of the Lord's supremacy in our lives before we can lead the natives to

accept their responsibility in the work of Christ and His Church.

A story for the children was given at the evening service after which Brother Ratzlaff gave a series of messages on the topic "Abundant Christian Living" based on John 10:10: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Everyone of our missionary group in the Congo was present—42 adults, 61 children as well as three visitors from neighbouring missions. The children met for Bible classes each day. Twice they were given treats from the mission board at home and the Brethren Toews and Ratzlaff received many thanks from happy girls and boys.

An impressive service for the new children added to our missionary circle was held during our Sunday morning worship hour. Brother Toews gave a prayer of thanks and asked the Lord's blessing on their lives. In the afternoon we observed the Lord's Supper.

The last day we met for a fellowship supper followed by the children's program, after which there was another business session. Early the next morning many families were on their way home. Conference days were ended, and we felt it had been a time of spiritual refreshing to have been together.

"The Bible predicts that some day a man from outer space will arrive on this planet. That Man is Jesus Christ." (Billy Graham)

Mr. G.H. Peters and His Ex-Students Meet

More than 150 graduates and ex-students who had studied under G. H. Peters, past teacher and principal of the Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Gretna and former teacher of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, gathered to honour their teacher and friend Sunday June 26 at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College in Winnipeg.

Coming from Whitewater, Gretna, Winkler, Winnipeg and other points in the province, the ex-students now in many professions, reminisced about the years during which Mr. Peters had been their teacher.

Mr. Peters taught at the M.C.I. from 1927 to 1948, after 1935 as principal of the school and he has taught in the M.B.C.I., of Winnipeg from 1954 to 1958. He began his teaching career in South Russia in 1908. Two students of his first year of high school teaching in Russia were also present at the reunion.

Since leaving Gretna Mr. Peters has taught at Springstein, Steinbach, and the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg.

Frank Neufeld, principal of the Mennonite Educational Institute, served as chairman of the program. The Rev. Henry Gerbrandt of Altona, first alumni president, and Peter R. Harder of Winnipeg, re-

lated some of the experiences of earlier days and George Ens spoke of the more recent days. Peter Klassen and H. G. Ens covered some of the more humorous incidents of school life under Mr. Peters.

As a token of appreciation to their former teacher, the students presented Mr. Peters with a high fidelity record player and radio combination set and a cheque. Having served the Mennonites through private schools most of his life, he is ineligible for pension on his retirement. The ex-students had therefore contributed for the purchase of the record player. All guests present at the occasion were recorded in a guest book and donors who were unable to attend were also entered in the book. In this way more than \$900 was received, making it possible for the ex-students to present Mr. Peters with a record player and a cash amount of the balance.

Mr. Peters spoke to the group expressing his appreciation, and reviewed the past years of his life under the topic, "God's Leading in My Life."

As a devoted servant of his people, Mr. Peters has taught a total of 46 years, mostly in private schools. He is also known as the author of "Blumen am Wegrand" a collection of poems.

where we had sports. Sam Janzen was able to bring variety into the sports program with races, softball, volley-ball, etc.

Variety is the spice of life and we enjoyed it. G. G. Fast.

Semi-Annual Conference of the M. B. Church's of Brit. Columbia

(Continued from page 1-4)

and Sister John Esau will be leaving County Line and go to Prince George. Brother and Sister Aaron Schmidt are leaving Terrace to go to Kitimat.

The youth work in the province has become a great responsibility. Brother John Epp, teacher in the Clearbrook Bible School, has been elected youth leader. We are looking forward to a good year. Great possibilities are opening up in the radio ministry, which the Lord has already abundantly blessed in the past. Of vital interest to our youth is the fact that at this Conference the Bible School at Clearbrook has officially become the property of the B.C. M.B. Conference. This will make possible greater expansion of the present facilities, and offer our young people the best possible opportunity to acquire a thorough and sound Bible knowledge.

The Lord has blessed the work also in other areas. With his help we want to shoulder these respons-

ibilities, so that His Kingdom can be extended. The officers for the coming year are Rev. Herman Voth, moderator, Rev. P. R. Toews, assistant moderator and Brother Herb. Hamm treasurer. For the future we say with the psalmist

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

Abram Goerz
Conference secretary

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By L. V. Davidson. 127 pp.

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Three in a Tent

By Dorothy Marsh. 127 pp.

When three girls erected a tent in a mission to hop-pickers, they knew little about it. The odds seemed heavy, but in adversity they discovered their friends and the work for the Master went on.

Australian Adventure

By Lydia S. Elliott. 120 pp.

Jenny's brother went to school when she wanted to go. But staying at home brought adventures in plenty on her parents' sheep-station. She learns that pain and unhappiness, when borne with trust and patience, can bring blessings in their train.

Marion's Venture

By Dorothy Marsh. 120 pp.

Marion's venture is a chicken farm, an inheritance from her Aunt Alice; and sharing her venture with her is her friend Elizabeth. Together they finally start on a new venture—an abundant Christian life.

Myrtle's Guest

By Jane Rogers. 128 pp.

Myrtle worked as a maid in a guest-home that served luxuries gained on the black market while her baby sister was ill through lack of food. She was resentful—until the Greens told her of Jesus Christ.

One Too Many

By Peggie C. Moody. 126 pp.

To be unwanted in a dorm—find someone your enemy because you are a Christian—have to do detective work for your enemy—all these things make Pen's life unusually interesting.

Pat's New Life

By Dorothy Marsh. 126 pp.

Pat has to learn that only in discipleship of the Lord Jesus is there peace and satisfaction.

Young Elizabeth Green

By Constance Savery. 128 pp.

A governess at 15 brought lots of trouble, until the wild Deverils began to share Elizabeth's Christian faith.

White Deer's Treasure

By Alfred J. Gilliard, 128 pp.

The quarrel began when Weasel Eye killed the pale-face whom Silent Bear would have saved,

and White Deer, by the challenge of the tribe was forced to carry the treasure which had brought dissension. The way was not easy, but White Deer pursued it relentlessly. At a pale-face camp he found a mission—and finally the knowledge that would teach his people the Way of Peace.

Secrets in the Village

By Edith Newman

Colin Rossiter came to Lansford hoping to make friends, but the first two boys he met only made things uncomfortable for him when they learned that he went to Church and belonged to the Scouts. Read how he formed the Rossmen, a society to stand up against the Trigmen. Finally the story ends at New Years, when the two sides are reconciled. Persecution and mystery make this book a first-rate story.

Peter Joins In

By L. V. Davidson. 128 pp.

Peter Mason's life consisted largely of bread and margarine and bitterness, for he lived with his aunt, who neglected him, and had no friends, except Allan Ferguson. At the end Peter not only has friends, but he is converted to Christ—and even something happens to his aunt.

The Secret of Woodside Cottage

By L. V. Davidson. 124 pp.

Beryl, Gerald and Guy are to have a new stepmother, and have made up their mind to hate her. The new Mrs. Stanhope is pretty and gentle, and Beryl is hard put to it not to give in and like her. She finally learns the secret of serenity and gives her heart to the Lord Jesus—and when a great sorrow comes to Mrs. Stanhope, it is Beryl only who can help her.

Meg Plays Fair

By Constance Savery. 126 pp.

Meg was so glad to go home after the school year ended. After two years of separation from her father, she would meet him again. But this joy was spoiled somewhat when her father asks Dandaree, who is an orphan, to come also. She and Dandaree are enemies, but make a truce temporarily—until they find the true meaning of forgiveness.

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Dr. Loewen Welcomed at Plum Coulee

Dr. William Loewen comes to Plum Coulee from St. Catherines, Ontario, where he carried on a successful practice for a year before choosing to come to Plum Coulee. Dr. Loewen was born and raised at Springstein, Manitoba, received his high school education at the M.C.I. in Gretna and continued on to graduate from Science and Medicine at the University of Manitoba in 1958. Dr. Loewen interned at the St. Boniface Hospital, in Winnipeg and took up practice in St. Catherines and area.

Annual Sunday School Picnic

Kelowna, B.C. — Although it was an annual affair it was different. Plans of having an all day picnic across the lake were foiled. It was different to have the morning program right in church. Henry Bergen, the assistant Sunday school superintendent led the meeting, while the children presented their items about creation and the Creator, of physical and spiritual bread, and of the God of all creation, just as though they were out-doors.

The picnic dinner was not held on the picnic grounds as in other years, but in the church basement.

In the afternoon we went across the lake to the picnic grounds

Business Men's World Tour with a Missionary Objective

Dave Redekop

(Continuation from last issue)

We went back to Nazareth. On the way we saw an American Company filming the new film Exodus. They had erected a town in these hills and had employed hundreds of people to enact the various scenes. That evening we had a particular experience. We went to the village of Joseph, 30 miles from Nazareth. There we had a meeting with about 100 Arabs; after the church service they went with us to an Arab feast. They had butchered two sheep for us. The meat of one they had ground up, mixed it with many spices, put it on two platters, and served it absolutely raw. The other, they had skinned, taken out the unclean inner parts, filled it with rice and spices, closed it up again, covered it with a dough and baked it all day long. That meat was very tender. Along with it they served many Arab dishes, such as their own type of very strong sauce, rice and cinnamon, pork and beans, potatoes, different vegetables, very strong Turkish coffee, and many other things. When they have a feast they really eat. The men eat first and after they are finished the women go and eat in the other room. We were warned by the missionaries not to eat too much if we wanted to be up and around the next day, and so we had our problem of guarding ourselves. We did, however, have a fine meeting at the time of the feast and about 20 of the Arabs indicated their desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour.

The next morning we had another tour to Nazareth. There we went to a hospital where we met the Christian doctors and nurses, who come from many different countries of the world. There we also met Margaret Dyck from St. Catharines, Ontario, who is in charge of a children's ward and obviously doing a very fine work.

We left Nazareth and made our way to Haifa. On the way we passed Mount Carmel, where Elijah performed a miracle. We stopped at the little brook, where it is said that Elijah slew the 450 false prophets. Our missionary friends had made reservations in a very fine hotel on Mount Carmel for us, which we really appreciated, for the accommodation we had in Nazareth wasn't up to the present living standards. In the evening we had a fine meeting with a Christian group, which consisted of German, Russian, Polish, Jewish and Arab people. If they had anything in common, it was that they knew the same Saviour. Our messages were translated from English to German, then into Russian. Next morning we were taken

to the Lydda airport and we said good-by to the Holy Land.

Long will we remember this wonderful trip and in writing this, I can only touch a few of the incidents.

However, wherever we went, we found many people that did not have much for their physical needs, but even less for their spiritual needs, but at the same time we also found in all of these places Christians that were doing a splendid work of witnessing for Him, and so we reluctantly said good-bye to the Holy Land and flew on to Nikacewi, Cyprus, where we touched down for ½ an hour and then flew on to Greece and to Rome.

From Rome Mr. McCully and Mr. Yaeger went to Barcelona to hold a few meetings and the rest of us went on to Madrid. We thought we had seen everything when we left the Holy Land, but here again we had a new experience. We did not know of the tremendous opposition to Christianity in Spain. Here it is illegal to hold meetings with twenty or more people without a police permit. Organized churches hold meetings anyway; some they had padlocked, others, which continue to meet do so with as little publicity as possible. It was illegal to put an ad in the paper advertising a meeting. Churches are not marked on the outside. Poster or tracts are not allowed to be distributed. People go through the back door when they enter the churches and most of the assemblies take place somewhere on the second or on the third floor of some commercial building. The business men of Madrid wanted to meet us and so they took us outside of the city of Madrid to an open air restaurant. There were about 60 of us altogether. We had dinner there, but as there were too many other people around, they decided to go still farther to the edge of a little forest, where we sat down in a circle and had a fine meeting. It was obvious that it required courage to be a Christian in this country, and yet these men were willing to go ahead and with God's help wanted to form a CBMC there.

From Madrid we went to Lisbon. There we found the situation not as extreme as in Spain. We had a meeting with about 40 missionaries. That evening we spoke in some of their churches. The following day we met a good number of business men at a noon luncheon and spoke again in their churches in the evening. Here, too, we found a real interest in layman's work of our organization. I am sure we were all impressed by what we saw in Spain and Portugal and I

think we realize that some opposition to Christianity is even good for it, for, I think, here the line of distinction was more clearer seen. Could it be that in our own country we take things too easy? We also realized that these areas are a real challenge to the Christian layman, for where a minister cannot work as he does in our country, a business man has more liberty. I trust that all of us, including those that are reading this article, will be encouraged to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ wherever the opportunity arises, for little do we realize that our time is short and that the freedom that God has given us to proclaim the gospel unmolestedly may not always be ours. Besides that, we are the wealthiest people in all the world. In most other countries people have to spend all their time to earn just enough money for a bare existence. In our country we have much leisure time. How are we using our time? May we put our talents, time and money in His service. "He, who loses his life for my sake, shall find it."

(The End.)

Rev. Abram Froese † North Kildonan, Manitoba



Our father was born at Schoenberg, South Russia in 1883, on November 8. His parents were Abram Froese and Anna, nee Derksen.

He accepted Christ as his Savior 54 years ago and he loved and served the Lord as a minister of the gospel.

Our beloved father and mother (nee Falk) were married in 1909. The Lord entrusted to them 2 daughters and 5 sons. One of the daughters died at an early age.

Soon after marriage our father attended a Bible school in Germany. Shortly afterwards he was ordained as a minister of the Mennonite Church.

Our parents were baptized by immersion in 1921, whereupon they joined the Evangelical Mennonite Church, of which father became a preacher and the leading minister.

In 1929 our family left Russia and arrived in Canada, via Ger-

many, in 1930. Our temporary abode was Schoenwiese. From 1931 to 1946 we resided at Domain, where our father was one of the ministers and for four years he was the leader of the church. Following that we moved to Springstein, where our father was the leading minister for another four years.

It was in 1949 when his wife, our beloved mother, went home to be with the Lord. Father then moved to North Kildonan. Here he became ill with arthritis. This caused him to withdraw more and more from public service. His illness increased steadily. He was taken to Concordia Hospital and there he died on June 4. The age which our father has reached, is 76 years, 6 months and 28 days.

Funeral services were held from the North Kildonan M.B. Church on June 8, 1960. Rev. N. Redekop, Rev. Wm. Falk and Rev. V. Toews officiated.

Our father has left to mourn, one daughter, 5 sons, 5 daughters-in-law, 22 grandchildren, 3 sisters, 2 brothers-in-law, 2 sisters-in-law, and many relatives and friends.

Father has been a good example to us in his Christian life and service for God. He has entered his rest in the glory of heaven for which we are thankful. We are also grateful to those who have expressed their sympathy for us.

The bereaved children.

Sent in by Margaretha Froese, 303 Cheriton Ave., Winnipeg 5, Manitoba.

Paraguay

The Mennonite Brethren Bible school in Fernheim, Paraguay, was to begin its four-month term this year on June 8 with instruction in all four classes. An enrollment of approximately 50 students was anticipated with a number coming from other colonies in Paraguay as well as Brazil to enroll in the fourth-year course. Serving as instructors are the following brethren: Henry C. Born, principal, Peter Klassen, Sr., Heinrich Loewen and Hans Wiens. The Bible schools have an important place in the life and missionary outreach of our churches in South America and merit our diligent intercession.

A profitable and successful missionary conference was held in the Mennonite Brethren Church in Filadelfia, Fernheim, Paraguay, on May 25 and 26. Leading the conference was Brother Henry C. Born. Theme of the conference was "The Love of Christ — the Motive in Mission Work." Sessions were held morning, afternoon and evening. Presenting missionary messages and reports were the Brethren Albert Enns, J. H. Franz and Erven Thiessen. The conference also included prayer periods, showing of missionary slides, discussion of topics, special music and offerings. With the presence of the

Erven Thiessens and Albert Enns in Fernheim for a meeting of missionaries, it was decided to utilize their services to make a missions emphasis in Fernheim. Brother

Gerhard Balzer writes that the conference sessions were blessed hours and that through such meetings the missionary concern is sparked and spread.

Graduation at Canadian Mennonite Bible College

Winnipeg, Man. — Commencement exercises at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College terminated with the graduation of seven students for the 1960 class, Sunday June 19.

Graduating with the Bachelor of Christian Education were Cornie Rempel, Glenbush, Saskatchewan; Marina Dyck, Drake, Saskatchewan; Erika Koop, St. Catharines, Ontario; George Neufeld, Margaret, Manitoba; Anne Marie Warkentin, Steinbach, Man.; and Eddie Goerzen, Starbuck, Man.

Graduating with the diploma of Sacred Music was Gerald Loewen, Altona, Man.

An alumni association meeting was held on Saturday afternoon followed by a banquet during which the graduates were welcomed into the association.

The alumni project was again set at \$1200 providing for four scholarships valued at \$150 and two valued at \$100. each. The balance of the project was designated for office furniture.

Nick Dick was president and Edna Dyck secretary of the association.

Closing Program

The closing program was presented by the 1960 graduates together with the College choir on Saturday evening at the College auditorium.

The theme "Called of God" carried through the service with testimonies by Marina Dyck, Anne Marie Warkentin, and Erica Koop. Their testimonies following the theme set were: Called of God—to wait upon Him, — to Service — and to Victory, respectively. Sermonettes — to Loyalty — to Dedication were presented by Edward Goerzen and George Neufeld.

The Baccalaureate service took place Sunday morning. Rev. J. D. Adrian spoke in the German language on "Aims" (Das Rechte Ziel) and Henry Poettcker spoke on "The Work of God."

Graduation

Three speakers highlighted the graduation ceremonies. Cornie Rempel gave the Valedictory. Elmer Richert gave the main address, "Christian Education: The Hope of the Future." Rev. Jacob J. Thiessen, Chairman of the College board since its beginning gave a brief historical account. There had been great strides in the College program academically, as well as in the building up of a campus. The tenth graduating class had facilities which were much improved over those of the first graduates.

Rev. Thiessen urged his listeners to keep looking upward and to keep looking forward in the building of the College for the good of the church and the Kingdom.

Moscow and Religion

Moscow Radio, replying to a letter by a young mother whose atheist husband opposed to christening their new-born child, said the ceremony was "dangerous" for children because "recently a number have been drowned while being immersed in Holy Water."

"Other children, have contracted severe illnesses from unhygienic conditions in churches."

The mother, who had insisted on having the child christened, was one of numerous listeners Moscow Radio said it has received letters from, with questions concerning religious matters.

Many people, the broadcast claimed, have asked the question: "Why does our state ensure complete freedom for the celebration of religious cults?"

TO THIS, Moscow Radio replied: "It would be the biggest mistake to attempt to exterminate religion by force or administrative means or to begin to persecute people for their religious convictions."

This could only lead to the opposite result — a strengthening of religious beliefs," the broadcast said. "The best and only way to overcome religious prejudice in a nation in which the exploiting classes have been liquidated is by carrying out educational work in scientific atheist propaganda.

"In our country, scientific atheist propaganda is conducted under the direct supervision of the Communist Party. The effect may not be instantaneous, but in the long run it will be completely successful."

Seeking Noah's Ark

A team of photographers, archaeologists, and cartographers, who went to a mountainous area of Turkey searching for evidence of Noah's Ark, returned with "inconclusive" findings.

Dr. Arthur J. Brandenberger of Ohio State University led the expedition to a ship-shaped formation 20 miles south of the 17,000 foot peak of Mt. Ararat, which lies near the western border of Soviet Armenia.

Further probing will be necessary to prove the existence of the ark, Dr. Brandenberger said. If nature had made the formation, he added, "then it is an extremely amazing exception."

The team, sponsored by the Archaeological Research Foundation, Inc., of Washington, D.C., left the site after two days of preliminary investigation. The formation was first revealed to them in an aerial photo which showed it to be 500 feet long, 160 feet wide with walls as high as 20 feet.

Dr. Brandenberger said speculation that the formation was in some way connected with the ark, originated in Turkey. He said: "The problem remains — if we should dig deep enough would we be able to find remains? We left the scene with the question unsolved whether it was artificial or natural. Sooner or later, other people will investigate, dig deep enough to find more clues."

"The first impression is that the formation was artificial," he added. "Whether natural or artificial, it still is not clear."

Cause of Mental Illness

Religious faith does not go deep enough in the lives of some Christians and the direct result is widespread mental illness, a University of Arkansas Medical Centre psychiatrist declared.

"A true religion could go a long way toward preventing mental illness by relieving stresses," said Dr. Fred O. Henker. "It could almost bring the psychiatrist to extinction."

He said mental illness is produced in the majority of cases by personality stresses which exceed the tolerance of the individual.

"From my experience with mental patients," Dr. Henker said, "I feel that it is a lack of religious faith which prevents the individual from utilizing the solutions that religion offers."

In answer to the question, "What causes a lack of religious faith?" he said some religion is built too much around "thou shalt not" instead of "thou shalt." He also said that in many cases the "here" is excluded by the "hereafter," explaining that "many people participate in their religion with almost entire concern for life after death rather than retaining some concern for life now."

Dr. Henker observed that people are becoming "too concerned over attendance at certain religious meetings and in following certain rituals."

"In so doing," he said, "they are gaining the mistaken idea that thereby they are religious. They lose sight of faith in the power of God — the support God offers in time of trouble."

Goshen College News

Two members of the Goshen College faculty, John Oyer and J. Howard Kauffman, recently received Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago in ceremonies June 19 in Chicago. Dr. Kauffman has

been on the sociology faculty since 1948.

Oyer's degree is in history and Kauffman's in sociology. Both men did their previous undergraduate and graduate work in their respective fields, and they are also alumni of Goshen College. Dr. Oyer received his A.M. Degree from Harvard in 1952 and Dr. Kauffman received an M.A. degree from Michigan State University in 1948.

The title of Prof. Kauffman's dissertation is "A Comparative Study of Traditional and Emergent Family Types among Midwest Mennonites." Prof. Oyer completed his dissertation during the 1958-1959 school year while studying in Heidelberg, Germany under a Fulbright scholarship. The title of his dissertation is "The Writings of the Lutheran Reformers against the Anabaptists."

The second Goshen College summer session began Monday, June 27. It will be three weeks long, ending July 15.

Summer study at Goshen College is conducted on the Hiram plan. This means summer students study only one subject at a time for a three week period, receiving three hours credit for the course. Four three-week terms will be offered during the summer.

First term ended Friday, June 24. 192 persons enrolled for this session, 31 of them in the School of Nursing.

Albert J. Meyer has been granted a leave of absence to accept an assignment as professor of physics and dean-elect of Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. He will begin his service there on February 1, 1961.

The past commencement season marked the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of the first class to receive the bachelor of arts degree for graduation from the four year college course. The Alumni Banquet especially honored the class of 1910. The three surviving members who were present each were given a plaque in commemoration of the event. Dr. J. E. Hartzler, of Goshen; W. W. Oesch of the staff of the Farmer's Exchange of New Paris; and Josephus W. Shank, missionary to South America, now retired, were present. Dr. Hartzler, former president of Goshen College, world traveler, and popular lecturer and after dinner speaker, toasted for the class. Of the five members of the class, a fourth living member, Samuel A. Zook, of Van Nuys, California, was unable to be present.

Most of us are broadminded enough to admit that there are two sides to every question — our side, and the side that no intelligent, informed, sane and self-respecting citizen could possibly hold."

"Many a boy at sixteen can't believe that some day he will be as dumb as his dad."

Farewell for Miss Anne Neufeld

Whitewater, Man. — Anne Neufeld spoke to a capacity audience on Sunday, June 12 when a farewell service was held for her at the Whitewater Mennonite Church.

Peter's fishing net was changed to a net for the winning of souls. Anne challenged every individual

in the church to launch their varied nets — the women a net of responsibility; the men a net of power; — children and youth a net of opportunity; to bring many into the fold of Jesus Christ. "If winning souls is not the main objective of the church — has the church a goal?"

The 2 "Nähvereins" gave a moving presentation of the play "Nur eine alte Orgel." The leading roles were played by Mrs. Gertie Wiebe and Mrs. Frieda Dyck.

Anne is scheduled to sail in July or August for Kamayala, Africa. A graduate of the M.C.I., C.M.B.C. she graduated May 22 at Bethel College. She is the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Neufeld of Margaret, Manitoba.

Rev. Aaron Schmidt officiated. The couple are making their home on Morey road, Clearbrook, B.C.

Himes—Baerg

Vineland, Ont. — The Mennonite Brethren church was the setting for the wedding on Saturday, June 4, when Edith Baerg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Baerg, Vineland, became the wife of Calvin Wren Himes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Himes, Port Dalhousie. The Rev. H. H. Voth was the officiating minister. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The young couple are residing in Port Dalhousie.

child, Louise Marie. Louise, a sister to Arthur and Paul, arrived on June 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Corny Warkentin of Lindbrook, Alberta, on June 11, a son whom they named Lawrence Harvey.

A son, Albert Peter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Warkentin of Lindbrook, on June 16.

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).

July 6-15. — First Children's Camp at Arnes.

July 17-26. — Second Children's Camp at Arnes.

July 29-31. — Sunday School Convention at Arnes.

August 1-7. — Family Camp at Arnes.

August 10-19. — Mission Camp at Arnes.

August 14. — A reunion of all who have been Priel students, teachers or board members (as well as wives or husbands of same) is to take place at the Winkler Bible Camp (Burwalde) at 2 p.m. (CST)

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

August 19-21. — Youth Camp at Arnes.

August 22 - Sept. 5. — Open House Camping at Arnes.

October 22-25. — The M.B. Pacific District Conference is to take place in the Dinuba M.B. church, California.

November 10 and 11. — The United States M.B. Conference is to be held in the Shafter M.B. church.

November 13-16. — The General North American M.B. Conference is to be held in the Reedley M.B. church, California.

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Three Regina homes were gladdened by the arrival of baby daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adrian and Terrence, of 3064 Garnet Street, welcomed Brenda Lee on May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heinrichs and Freddie of 3212 Victoria Avenue welcomed Angela Helene on May 17.

Pastor and Mrs. Helmut Klassen and James welcomed Joan Lori on June 21.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Loewen, Douglas, Manitoba, on May 29 a daughter, Evelyn Diane — a baby sister for Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Penner of Justice, Manitoba are proud to announce the birth of their third

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