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Unprecedented Blessing in Ecuador United Campaign

An unprecedented revival and harvest of souls was the result of the United Campaign held in Quito, Ecuador's capital city, from July 25-31. Twenty gospel churches and Sunday schools from the Quito area cooperated in this soul-winning effort that surpassed anything the city has ever previously known. The Capitol Theatre was rented for the final seven days of the campaign. The seating capacity of 3,000 was taxed to the very limit every evening.

The evangelist was Fernando Vangioni of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He proved to be a preacher of outstanding spiritual and intellectual capacities. The people loved him. He manifested a winsomeness and heart appeal that was greatly used of the Holy Spirit to bring souls to Christ. A total of 415 men, women and young people responded to the invitation—truly a glorious harvest for a city such as Quito. When Sr. Vangioni left

the city to return to Buenos Aires, a great crowd of believers was at the airport to bid him farewell. The terminal resounded with the melodies of gospel songs, interspersed with testimonies of blessings received during the campaign. Representatives of the various missions ministering in Ecuador gave words of appreciation and then an outstanding businessman of Quito spontaneously stood up and called out, "And I want to speak on behalf of the new converts who have come to Christ this past week." Then he continued with a heart-moving testimony of how God had worked. A united choir of more than 80 voices was directed by Vern Van Hovel and Lois Vasconez. Each evening, as the big, red velvet curtain opened, their voices blended together in the chorus, "Solamente en Christo" ("Only in Christ"—based on Acts 4:12). The theatre is constructed with three galleries, thus those occupying the top gal-

leries almost seemed to be "in orbit."

The gospel art drawing of John Mosiman proved to be a most effective ministry and attraction to both the saved and the unsaved. His use of black light to vividly portray Scriptural truths was breath-taking. The musical part of the programs featured a Men's Glee Club of Ecuadorean young men, plus the participation of many missionary musicians of Radio Station HCJB (Dixie Dean, Jack and Ruch Shalanko, Mary Lee Cummings, Joe and Betty Springer, Bob and Wilda Savage, Peter Deyneka, Haroldo de Leon, Jim Savage, Emory Cummins and others.) Marlan Enns of the Mission Covenant group was chairman of the organizing committee.

Under the direction of publicity chairman, Mel Whitaker, the city was literally plastered with propaganda. Signs reading "Cristo Para Quito" (Christ for Quito) were pasted on hundreds of curb-stones. Posters and banners announcing the campaign appeared in prominent spots of Quito's downtown section.

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

I Cor. 2:2

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YOUR CHRISTIAN
FAMILY WEEKLY

On the Saturday afternoon preceding the theatre meetings, the believers were organized into various teams to distribute an invitation to every family in the city.

The city of Quito was first visited by a Protestant missionary in 1897. But the response during the (Continued on page 12-3)

Baptismal Service at Lena

The Lena M. B. Church had the great joy of having a baptismal service on August 28 and adding to the company of believers two young members.

Rev. Frank Friesen, Morden, Man., was the guest speaker for both morning and afternoon services. He stressed the importance of a dedicated life and a walk that witnesses for Christ.

The candidates were Esther Janzen and Irene Martens. Brother J. F. Poetker, the leader of the Church, performed the baptismal rites. We wish and pray that these new members may help to enrich the local church and extol the name of Christ.

Workers at the Alberta Youth and Teen-Age Camp

The Alberta Foothills Bible Camp took place August 4-7. The teenage camp had an enrollment of 82. This number rose to about 300 on the final youth day on Sunday, August 7.

Those who served at the camp were: Rev. J. J. Toews, teacher at the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg. Mr. Ben Klassen, Morden, Manitoba, missionary to Belgian Congo; Miss Katherine Wiens, Coaldale,

Alberta, also missionary to Belgian Congo; Miss Katie Siemens, Gem, Alta., missionary to India and Nettie Baerg, missionary to Belgian Congo.

In his message Brother Toews said, "The world thinks of Christianity as a system which requires more action but gives little satisfaction. The abundant life is pos-

sible not through our own efforts, but through the fulness of God Who has given unto us all things.

Brother Toews also stated, "The Bible will be dead to us until we establish a relationship with its Author. Faith excludes self-effort and struggles. We must apprehend the thief, the self, that robs us of the abundant life."

(See report on "Alberta Youth and Teen Camp" of the previous issue of the Mennonite Observer, page 4).



Rev. J. J. Toews



Miss Katherine Wiens



Miss Katie Siemens



Miss Nettie Baerg

EDITORIAL

Survey of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges in the United States and Canada

In the May *News Letter* an all but complete report was made of Bible institutes and Bible colleges in Canada. We can now make a comparable report on the schools in the United States and summarize the findings for the movement as a whole in both countries.

A word should be said about the problems encountered in making the survey. The first was that of compiling an authentic list of day Bible institutes and Bible colleges. In checking the partial list in the Association's file with those secured from several organizations, it was discovered that there were many discrepancies. Names of institutions are sometimes misleading as to type of school. The Bible institute-college movement is dynamic and has included a number of unstable schools. Hence, some have been discontinued or merged with other institutions; some have changed location; some have been renamed; several have become liberal arts colleges. Through a sifting process, approximately 50 names were deleted from the original composite list.

A further problem was to secure even basic data through a failure of schools to respond to inquiries. In one case at least, the purpose of the study was suspect, but in most cases it can be assured that there was insufficient interest to supply the data requested. There is also some evidence that records in some schools are not diligently kept. No responses were received from 49 schools. Of only 13 of these is there definite knowledge that a day Bible institute or Bible college is in operation. A total of 223 day schools responded, which means that of the known 236 day Bible institutes and Bible colleges in the US and Canada, basic data are secured from 94 per cent of the schools.

Of the 236 known schools, 183 are in the United States and 53 in Canada. Of the 223 institutions surveyed, 120 classify themselves as Bible colleges and 103, Bible institutes. In the first semester this past year, a total of 23,584 day students were enrolled in the 217 reporting schools, of which 11 per cent were part-time enrollees. Another 8,966 were enrolled in 90 evening divisions, and 206,274 were enrolled in 32 correspondence divisions.

Part-time students are divided almost equally between men and women, but of the 20,716 full-time students, men outnumber women by 11,565 to 9,151. Canadian schools account for 3,417 of the total of 23,584 day students, or 14.5 per cent. Fifty-four per cent, or 120 of the 223 schools, are denominationally related. The remaining 103 are classified as independent.

The study also discloses that the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges includes many of the older and larger institutions. While it has within its membership some comparatively young and small schools, yet the average age and size vary considerably from those of non-member schools. For example, the average founding date for AABC schools is 1923 while that of non-member schools is 1940. While the 47 members of AABC represent 23 per cent of the 223 Bible institutes and Bible colleges, they register 43.6 per cent of the day students, or 10,287, of the total of 23,584.

Statistics have value, but they can never convey the significance of the Bible institute-college movement. From the halls of these more than 200 institutions, staffed by dedicated men and women, have gone a host of young people with the living flame of God's love in their hearts to serve Christ in behalf of human need. From two schools alone—Moody Bible Institute and Prairie Bible Institute—have gone 15 per cent of all active Protestant missionaries from the United States and Canada.

News Letter of Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges

DEVOTIONAL

"Arm Yourselves Likewise" I Peter 4:1-6

By Rev. Walter Janzen

The days in which we are living are extra-ordinary days, filled with much excitement, work and loss of energy. But there doesn't seem to be sufficient sacrificial giving or willingness to suffer, of which Peter writes. We have the desire to experience true submissiveness to

Christ. We are living in a time in which the Christian is complacent and sleepy just prior to a very sudden awakening. In order that no one will be able to say that he was not warned, let us prayerfully consider Christ's example as an inspiration for a closer walk with God.

Let us first observe **Christ as our Example**. That Christ died for us, and that He had a glorious purpose in doing so should be a real challenge to us. By His substitutionary death Christ made it possible for us to come to God. For this noble purpose, for this just cause He suffered unjustly (I Peter 3:18). He suffered so that we could be redeemed from our sins. His purpose was to fulfill the will of God, and for this reason He submitted to God's will (I Peter 3:17; John 3:16). Paul speaks of Christ's glorious example: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:3-8. What effect should Christ's death have on us Christians?

Let us dwell on the **Christian's response to the challenge**, "Arm yourselves likewise." According to verse 1, we are to approach life and especially suffering for Christ's sake "with the same mind" as Christ did. Peter encourages us in these words to have the same purpose, which is a "heavy armor as against the light armor of the foe" (Wuest), which is sin. We are encouraged to suffer rather than to commit sin. Today there are many who would rather sin than suffer. They choose the easy way of conformity rather than to be counted among the peculiar people.

There are so-called Christians today who know that the Scripture clearly teaches that we are not to neglect the assembly of God's children, but who, in the face of this knowledge never darken the door of the church at mid-week services or Sunday evening services. They look upon it as suffering for the Lord if they have to come to church more than once a week. No, my friends, this isn't suffering at all, when we compare it with Christ's suffering. We are to suffer for righteousness sake with the mind of Christ. Peter also informs us that the one who has suffered persecution at the hands of sinners for righteousness sake has ceased from sin. This doesn't mean that he has not sinned, but that he "has obtained a ceasing from the domination of sin" (Amp. New Test.). Sin has no more appeal for him, and by the grace of God he is no longer dominated by it. "For he that is dead is freed from sin" (Rom. 6:7). What business have we being yoked with unbelievers?

Therefore let us consider from what we have been saved. If we have armed ourselves with the mind of Christ, then we will no longer live the rest of our lives after the lusts of men. Instead, we will endeavor to live according to the will of God. This is the ultimate goal of the Christian life. Peter informs us that in our pre-conversion state we have walked long enough after the ways of Gentiles and of sinners.

Let us also consider what it will cost us to be like-minded with Christ. A Christian who is "armed likewise" can expect reproaches. The world considers us peculiar people, and will enquire what we get out of life. They speak evil of us wherever and whenever the opportunity arises. The Lord Jesus called such persecuted ones blessed. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" (Matt. 5:11). This cannot be said of many of us today. Many of us are too well assimilated with the world. Many worldly people go away on long weekends just to get away from it all, and so do we. Worldly persons build more and better homes for themselves, and we have followed suit and have even set the pace in many instances. In view of this, do we wonder why we are not being persecuted for our Lord's sake? It is because the world is not aware that we are different from them. Christians, is it right in the sight of God to live this way any longer? "Arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." This is the answer to our problem today. Will we accept it? May the Lord in His mercy and grace forgive us our shortcomings and failures, and may He grant us a new desire to become more like Him. May we all have the mind of Christ in order to be able to withstand the onslaughts of the devil and any persecution which will come our way. This is possible only if we will "arm ourselves likewise."

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Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Brother and Sister Wm. J. Bestvater



This photo shows Br. and Sister Bestvater at their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, when they expressed their gratefulness to God for His gracious leading.

Shafter, Calif. — The Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Brother and Sister Wm. J. Bestvater was observed in the Shafter M. B. church on Sunday, August 14. The church, under the leadership of pastor Henry H. Dick, was host to many relatives and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bestvater as they celebrated their 60th year of married life.

Brother D. W. Nikkel, chairman of the meeting, made introductory remarks, after which Rev. Melvin N. Krug commented on I Thess. 1: 19.

A mixed quartet sang the very appropriate song, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Two poems were then read by Mrs. Katherine Warkentin (nee Bestvater). One had been sent in by Sister Anna Klasen, Kansas, and the other by their daughter Mrs. Adam Mueller.

Then the entire congregation, under the direction of Br. John Balzer, joined in the singing of "Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren." Mr. Gary Strauss, grandson of the Bestvaters, and his wife Marlyn followed with the singing of "No Greater Love My Heart Will Know."

Various experiences of Brother and Sister Bestvater were related by their son Arthur, after which Gary Strauss sang, "He Giveth More Grace." The brethren John P. Siemens, Wm. Languillon of the German Immanuel Church of Los Angeles, and other friends and brethren expressed their love to the overwhelmed couple by wishing them God's richest blessings for the remainder of their life. In view of God's faithfulness throughout the past 60 years of their married life, the wish of the Bestvaters was expressed in the song, "So nimm denn

meine Hände," as it was presented by a quartet.

The main message at the service was presented by Brother John H. Richert, who had also been the principal speaker at the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bestvater ten years ago. His text was, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations" (Psalm 90:1). Brother Richert emphasized the fact that the Lord had truly been the dwelling place of this senior couple wherever they had resided, for which they were very grateful to God.

Brother Nikkel made concluding remarks, after which a duet sang the very fitting song, "Saving Grace."

Brother and Sister Bestvater and other relatives regreted it deeply that their daughter Anna and her husband, B. F. Redekop of Herbert, Sask., who had come to participate in the blessings of this important occasion, had to leave for home due to an unexpected leg infection of Brother Redekop. Rev. Henry H. Dick was also unable to attend the wedding because of a severe injury of one of his hands.

25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kroeker

A family gathering was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Pries, Winkler, Man., Tuesday evening, August 18, when the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kroeker was celebrated. Corsages were presented to Mrs. J. E. Kroeker, Mrs. J. A. Kroeker, the mother, and Miss Gloria Kroeker. Messages of congratulations were given by various members of the family. Mr. Kroeker gave the response. He thanked them kindly

and said that he was grateful to God for giving him such a good wife.

A buffet lunch was served on a lace covered table, centered with a bouquet of white gladioli.

Mr. and Mrs. Kroeker were married at McClusky, N.D., August 11, 1935, and resided in Winkler for 23 years and are now living in Altona. They have three children, Gloria, Harold and Clarence.

Joshua 1:1-9. He pointed out that in these perilous and difficult times a Christian can have a joyous assurance when he knows he is called of the Lord, when he rests on the promises of God and when he seeks to follow the teaching of God's Word. The result will inevitably be a fruitful life and that is what we greatly desire for all of us.

Martha Janzen

Nine Baptized at Vineland

Vineland, Ont. — The Vineland M. B. Church can speak of many blessings from the Lord during the summer months. One of the highlights was the baptism on Sunday, August 21. In the morning we all gathered at the usual place, the shore of Lake Ontario at Port Dalhousie. The weather was very favorable, the water clear and calm. Two short challenging messages, one in English and the other in German were given by Rev. H. H. Voth and Rev. H. P. Wiebe, respectively. Then the following young people were baptized on the profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ: Edith Koop, Mrs. J. Hildebrand, Walter Boldt, Victor Boldt, Henry Unrau, Edgar Dyck, Art Koop, Ted Willms and Jimmie Reimer.

Later that morning they were added to the church and Rev. Hugo Jantz of Virgil, the guest speaker, delivered his message based on

Winkler Bible School

"I will lose one precious year if I go to Bible school." So said the young uninformed and misguided student who sought the shortest road to material advancement. Apparently the parents agreed with the child's ambitions and approved of his plan to by-pass Bible school. Of course, the devil laughed over his success. Another soul had been deceived and robbed of a tremendous spiritual heritage.

The Bible says, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." II Tim. 3:16,17

The study of the Bible affords the best possible training for rendering effective service to mankind. Attending Bible school spells profit not loss.

Send your application to
The Winkler Bible School,
Winkler, Man.

Commissioning Service for Outgoing Missionary

Niagara, Ont. — A farewell and commissioning service was held for Miss Elsie Kroeker in the Niagara M. B. church, Ontario. The service opened with congregational singing after which Rev. J. Pankratz greeted the many friends and relatives with Scripture reading from Job. Rev. J. G. Baerg, Virgil, led in the invocation (Matt. 28:16-20) and opening prayer. The first speaker was Rev. Hugo Jantz from HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, who based his message on Acts 13:1. He made it very clear that in commissioning someone for service the church is actually going out with its representative. May we not neglect our duty. Rev. H. Penner, St. Catharines, Ont., spoke on "Showers of Spiritual Blessings" according to Isaiah 58:6. Rev. Baerg put the ordination vows before Miss Kroeker and the Church, after which followed the laying on of hands and ordination prayers by Rev. J. Pankratz, Rev. J. G. Baerg and Rev. H. Penner. The Niagara Church presented Miss Kroeker with a Bible as a parting gift.

Her testimony was expressed in the following poem:

"Power for Service"

Speak Thou Thy living Word to me,
That I Thy messenger may be,

Indwelt by love and power divine,
To preach that precious truth of Thine.

For Thy strength is in weakness shown,

So, standing in Thy power alone,
Which by Thy grace shall in me dwell

The story of the cross I'll tell.

I'll put all other pleas aside,
And preach alone Christ crucified,
That sinners may be gathered in
And find eternal life in Him.

I'll glory in infirmity,
That power of Christ may rest on me,

So let my human weakness be
A field of victory for Thee.

—Robert R. Pentecost

The choir served with suitable numbers during the service. After the closing, a fellowship lunch was served in the church basement.

Miss Kroeker, a registered nurse, left for Hillsboro, Kans., from where she will proceed to Costa Rica to attend Spanish language school. She will serve in medical work at Quito, Ecuador, under the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions.

Holdina Voth

DVBS Demonstration Program

Mennonite Brethren Christian Fellowship Chapel, Hamilton, Ont.

— Rev. John Unger introduced the evening's program to the numerous parents, visitors, teachers and children with the Psalmist's question and answer: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." The importance of God's Word and "taking heed thereto," was impressed on the audience. Since living according to His way also means telling others of Jesus, the theme of the DVBS program this year was appropriately chosen: "Signalling for Christ." The entire Bible school group sang the Signal Song, asking us, "If you know it, why not show it?"

Our Vacation Bible School was grouped in three departments, Beginners, Primaries and Juniors. By their presentations, each department tried to show the parents and visitors what they had learned during the two weeks. The Beginners commenced by singing "Jesus Loves the Little Indian Boy," after which Miss Leona Isaac, Virgil, gave a resume of day-to-day topics of lessons taught the Beginners. Memory verses connected with the daily topics were recited by some of the children: "I will pray," "God has power to help," and others. Two boys, Wayne and Warren Goertzen, ably presented the flannelgraph story of the prodigal son. The Be-

ginners then closed with the song, "We must not forget God's Word."

Mr. Ed. Baerg, Virgil, introduced the lessons for the Primaries, which had the theme, "Bible Boats." Some of the topics which had been taught were, "Noah and the Ark," "Jesus and the Disciples on Galilee." The Sailing Song, sung by the Primaries, gave the theme. Memory verses spoke about water or of sailing, as "they that go down to the sea in ships and do business," etc. This department was appropriately dressed in sailor caps and collars.

In keeping with their age, the Juniors' theme during the two weeks of school was "The Christian's Walk and Talk." Trudy Harder and Elizabeth Goertzen repeated from memory the books of the Bible. Memory work dealing with a Christians' walk were recited by numerous pupils. A flannelgraph lesson, depicting the two roads in life, God's way and Satan's way, was given by a pupil.

The evening's program, the culmination of two weeks of hard work and much prayer for 14 teachers and about 75 pupils, was brought to a close with an offering and benediction. We as the Chapel Group earnestly pray that through the teachers' efforts the Sunday school may grow in membership and truly "signal for Christ."

John Janzen

Paraguay Bookstore Plans Expansion Project

Ten Christian laymen are needed to invest \$100 each in a project to finance a Christian bookstore in Filadelfia, Paraguay. This bookstore serves all the Mennonites in the Chaco colonies of Paraguay, and is in need of a private capital expansion loan to increase its inventory of books and stationery supplies. Mutual Aid Services Inc. is committed to help.

With the rapid increase of literacy, the written word is more important than ever before. One hundred dollars of your savings invested in a literature project can serve a very useful purpose. Interest will be paid at the rate of 3½ per cent per year for a five-year investment.

Send inquiries or checks to Mutual Aid Services Inc., 722 Main Street, Newton, Kans.

American Pianist Donates \$8,000 to Moscow Baptists

The American pianist Van Cliburn has given 80,000 rubles, part of the money he earned during a recent concert tour of the Soviet Union, to the Baptist Church in Moscow, he reported before his departure for the US. The sum represents the equivalent of \$8,000, according to the official tourist rate of ex-

change, which would apply in Mr. Cliburn's case.

The 25-year-old concert pianist from Texas, who has become an idol of Soviet music lovers, said his gift was in memory of his mother's grandfather, Dr. Solomon G. O'Brien, who was a Baptist minister and co-founder of the university in Waco, Texas, that later became Baylor University. (The pianist is a strict tither and always channels at least ten per cent of his earnings into Christian work.)

Lightning Hits Woodlawn Church

Chicago, Ill. — A bolt of lightning struck the Woodlawn Mennonite church on July 22, according to word received at the General Conference offices in Newton.

Bricks and stones were toppled from the top of the church tower to the ground. One piece of masonry weighing between 100 and 150 pounds cracked a step in the entrance as it fell from the 40-foot tower.

Mother of 21 Children Dies

Zurich, Ont. — Mrs. James Masse, mother of 21 children, died recently at her home. She was 68. Mrs. Masse, who celebrated her golden wedding anniversary with

her husband July 17, had a family numbering 164, counting grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Twenty of her children are living.

Plum Coulee Man Killed

Prince Rupert, B.C. — Daniel Edward Heinrichs, 20, of Plum Coulee, Man., was killed recently when a car in which he was riding plunged down a 25-foot bank near here. Four other persons in the car suffered minor injuries in the accident.

New S. S. Building

Steinbach, Man. — A new three-story Sunday school building is nearing completion on the site of the old Evangelical Mennonite church at Steinbach, Man., which burned to the ground last March. The old building was attached to the new church sanctuary, which was not damaged in the fire. The new Sunday school building was erected largely by volunteer labor, and the cost is only \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Instant Death of P. F. Wiebe

Bergthal Colony, Paraguay. — A logging accident at the Sommerfelder Colony claimed the life of Peter F. Wiebe, 24, son of Mrs. Jacob D. Wiebe.

The young man and his brother Peter were unloading logs from a tractor-drawn trailer when one rolled off and crushed him, causing instant death.

D. D. Epp Dies at Home, August 19

Funeral services were held Monday, August 23, for David D. Epp, 68, of Winkler, who died at his home on Friday, August 19, after a prolonged illness. Bishop J. M. Pauls of Winkler officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Stobbe. Interment was in the Winkler cemetery with Wiebe's Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Epp was born in Russia and came to Canada in 1926, residing in Gretna and Altona before taking up permanent residence at Winkler. Here he owned and operated a flour and feed wholesale and retail business for 22 years.

Besides his widow, Aganetha, he is survived by four sons: Alexander of Winkler, John of Winnipeg, Peter of Saskatoon and Reinhard of Winkler; two daughters; Jadwiga at home and Ella, Mrs. Walter Tolpa of The Pas; nine grandchildren, three sisters, two in Russia and Mrs. Abram Wiebe, Kitchener, Ont., formerly of Gretna.

Appointment of Institute Research Fellow

Elkhart, Ind. — The directors of the Institute of Mennonite Studies

have announced the appointment of Dr. Paul Peachey as research fellow for the coming year. Beginning September 1, Peachey will make an intensive study of problems and solutions to problems encountered by Mennonites in building the Church of Christ in the city and in the Mennonite outreach through Christian Service in the avenue provided by the church. A major part of the cost of this research study is being underwritten by the Board of Missions and Charities (Elkhart) and the Board of Missions (Newton).

Dr. Peachey has just returned from an extended peace assignment in the Far East under the Mennonite Central Committee. He is on leave from the faculty of Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va., for this work. His training in theology and sociology both in Europe and America as well as his years of service in the Mennonite Church and love for it qualify him well for this undertaking. A special advisory council is being set up to give guidance in the study.

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Scholarship Winner

Ernie Redekop of Winkler has been awarded the third Joseph Flavell fellowship amounting to \$1,000 from the University of Toronto. He has recently attended a conference at Kitzingen, Switzerland. From there he goes to Norway, then to Rotterdam, Holland, from where he will sail for home September 15. He plans to attend the University of Toronto this coming winter. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Redekop.

Students in Israel

Another group of students from the U.S., Norway, Scotland and Hong Kong are assembling in Jerusalem for a course of study at the Israel-American Institute of Bible Studies. Most of the students are seminarians and will continue their seminary studies after they return to their respective schools in January. Lectures are in English and are given by members of the faculty of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The School's director and founder is Dr. G. Douglas Young, Dean of Trinity Seminary, Chicago. His administrative assistant, Ivan York, was a former student at the Institute.

Medal Music Award

Gerald Lowen, Altona, a 1960 graduate of Canadian Mennonite Bible College, was awarded the Royal Conservatory of Music Silver Medal receiving the highest marks in Manitoba in Grade X singing. He won the silver medal last year also for the highest grade IX mark.

The Bible Today

Boris Zaiteff, one of the outstanding Russian writers of today, writes of the new translation in modern Russian of the four Gospels, in these words, "On my desk lies a small blackbound book, with a gold cross on the cover, and above it, also in gold, "The Gospel." This is a new translation of the four Gospels from the Greek, published by The British and Foreign Bible Society. The translation is by Bishop Cassian, assisted by a commission made up of Prof. Kartasheff, V. N. Rayevsky, Prof. A. P. Wassilieff, N. A. Koulomzine and others.

"For five years every Friday members of the Commission sat for four or five hours reading the text over and over again, comparing, discussing, sometimes so carried away that tempers were almost lost. Once we disputed half an hour over the commas in one verse in Matthew. It also happened that, having decided upon one turn of phrase, two years later we changed it, only to return after two years to the earlier text. And now our five years' labour has taken the form of 234 small pages—the Four Gospels."

So came into being the first "private" (not specifically commissioned and authorized by the Synod of the Orthodox Church), unofficial translation in the Russian language.

Damaged Churches in Chile

Various churches and missionary groups indicate that many Protestant churches were destroyed or damaged by the earthquakes and tidal waves in southern Chile. No American missionaries were reported killed, but many national church workers and Christians were included in the total of about 5,000 killed and millions left homeless as a result of the catastrophe.

The denominations reportedly sustaining serious losses include Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Seventh-Day Adventist, Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Southern Baptist and Assemblies of God.

A Methodist missionary reported that all Methodist churches and parsonages in the 1,000 mile long earthquake zone were severely damaged.

—United Evangelical Action

Pope's Reply on Separation of Church and State

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, President of Wheaton College, must have set some sort of a record for getting a communication from the Vatican. On May 14 the New York Times published a letter from him in which he called on all Protestant organizations to make an authoritative statement on their position on the

separation of church and state. He also said that the Roman Catholic hierarchy should present a similar statement—"authoritative, unambiguous."

Four days later, the Times carried a story from the Vatican newspaper—only coincidental with Dr. Edman's letter, of course—which gave an authoritative answer. It declared that the Roman Catholic hierarchy had "the right and the duty to intervene" in the political field to guide its flock. It rejected what it termed "the absurd split of conscience between the believer and the citizen."

So there was Dr. Edman's answer—clear and lucid for all to see. The hierarchy has no intentions of leaving any man—peasant or president—free to think and act for himself under God.

—United Evangelical Action

An Optimistic Report

The Crown Zellerbach News has published the following report:

There are more than 2,300,000 teenagers and youths in Canada who will not be involved in police courts this year.

Probably 3,400,000 motor vehicles will not be involved in fatal accidents.

More than 4,700,000 children under 15 will not lose their lives in fire.

Some 3,400,000 couples will stay more or less happily married during the year.

When Evening Shadows Fall

By A. C. Kolb (1871-1937)
When shadows fall across our way,
Somewhere a light is shining;
And though the clouds look bleak
and dark,

They have a silver lining.
The joys which brighten life's sad
days
Are rifts of light which greet our
gaze
To gladden us 'mid weary toil,
Lest we should shrink from earth's
turmoil.

Then, as we ponder God's great
might,
And contemplate the meaning
Of all His works, we find delight
Into our hearts a-streaming.
He sends us sunshine—also clouds—
To teach us though the heart be
bowed
With grief or woe, yet He is near
To mitigate sorrow with cheer.

In some sweet way He lifts the pall
O dull gloom, so depressing,
And heav'nly visions yon unfold,
A Father's love expressing.
Where darkness was, there He sends
light;
Where murky haze obscured our
sight
He drives the shadows all away:
We glimpse the bright, eternal day.

The Department of National Revenue will find that 3,000,000 income tax returns for the year will be filed correctly.

Of the 1,500,000 children under 10 years, only four or possibly five will have to go through the increasing ordeal of being Prime Minister of Canada.

Bill of Rights

The Bill of Rights is an important milestone in Canadian history. It is the formal declaration of the equality of every citizen; it speaks for justice, against discrimination. —Zwiazkowiec (Polish semi-weekly)

Unfortunately the new Bill has kept unchanged those provisions in the War Measures Act by which naturalized Canadian citizens can be deported without the right to prove their innocence. It was the same Act, for instance, which was responsible for the way we treated Japanese Canadians during World War II. But the Bill of Rights is, nevertheless, a great improvement. —Der Courier (German weekly)

Prime Minister Diefenbaker can well be proud of his new Bill. It will stand for all time as a memorial to his political and social idealism. —Vilne Slovo (Ukrainian weekly)

Immigration

Holland has just arranged to open its doors to 20,000 Italian immi-

grants. The government at Bonn has invited Italy to send 200,000 Italian immigrants to Germany. The working conditions offered them would make Mrs. Fairclough's face turn red; no restrictions, no formalities, labor contracts for one year with options to re-sign, good wages and accommodation. We believe no comment is necessary.

—Corriere Illustrato (Italian weekly)

New Attack on TB

Tuberculosis, now in seventh place among diseases that kill Canadians, may soon begin creeping up. Twenty years ago, it was fourth. Then, with widespread use of X-rays to detect it early and improved drugs to combat it, it dropped. But now, according to Dr. Walsh McDermott, editor of the American Review of Respiratory Diseases, some tubercle bacilli are growing resistant to the drugs. Dr. S. A. Holling of the Ontario Department of Health recently told a meeting in Ottawa that "a new attack must be made now."

U.S. Elections

Kennedy is not as experienced as Nixon in international affairs, and the Democratic party made mistakes in Yalta that subjugated peoples will never forget. On the other hand, Lodge is a good fighting man for the Republican team and long a friend of those who seek freedom for all nations. —Kanadai Magyar-sag (Hungarian weekly)

Both candidates, although still young, are mature in outlook, very active socially and politically, strong in American patriotism and, above all, loyal Christians who practise their faith. They have announced their program in which the safeguard of freedom for the nations of the world by peaceful means is the point that most interests all who stand oppressed. —Our Aim (Ukrainian Catholic weekly)

Record Wheat Yields

Ohio, U.S.A. — Reports of record breaking wheat yields continue to come from Ohio, where harvest operations recently reached their peak.

At Plain City in the central part of the state yields were the highest within memory. One nine-acre field reportedly made 70 bushels per acre.

To the northwest in the Bluffton vicinity, the crop also was the best in the memory of most farmers. Elevator operators estimated the average yield at 48 to 50 bushels per acre.

Elevators at Bluffton alone received 312,000 bushels of wheat valued at \$521,000. The crop was a good one in most sections of the state.

Oh, wondrous truth! Though life
may be
A sea by tempest driven,
And storm clouds sweep across the
sea,
And faith by doubts be riven,
Still God's own eye on us doth rest:
He has His way our faith to test:
Nor will He suffer ill or harm
To wrench us from His loving arm.

And then, when evening shades ap-
pear,
And twilight calm enfolds us,
We feel His presence very near,
Revealing love so boundless.
He points to where the setting sun
Portrays the course our life has run;
Assures us that the morning's ray
Will bring to us a better day.

And so we gather strength anew,
While to our toil returning,
And diligently keep in view
The goal of our heart's yearning.
Then, work all done, we reach life's
end;
He, being our sure, unfailing friend,
Calls us to rest. And sleep shall be
The gate to immortality.



THE Young Observers

Dear Girls and Boys,

It is time for school again! Many of my faithful readers will be jubilant; others may longingly wish for carefree days again, and perhaps another chance to harvest the crops. However, the days have passed by pleasantly and much too quickly, for here we are at the beginning of another school term.

I can well remember my own summer holidays. The first few weeks of July were really appreciated—and somehow it seemed as if I'd never want summer to end. But by the beginning of August I was lonely for all my classmates, lonely for my books and scribblers—and, of course, very curious to know who my new teacher would be. And when the middle of August arrived, I had all my school supplies stacked in readiness. How long the last days of August seemed to be!

Did you feel just like that? I wish I could see you leave the house on the first day of school. The shoes are brushed; the teeth are brushed; the hair is brushed, and even the jacket is brushed! The scribblers are new; the books are new; the pencil is new! Isn't it just grand to be at school again?

The Apostle Paul told Timothy to "Study to show thyself approved unto God." He was to study and prepare himself for the Lord's service. Our first studying and preparing is done in school. Therefore, be faithful from day to day, and you will be rewarded.

Love, Aunt Helen.

Lisbeth Wins Respect

In the dark someone crept quietly around the corner of the building. It was Lisbeth. She had been eavesdropping on Olof, her older brother, and his pal, Jan.

Lisbeth knew it was not exactly nice to eavesdrop, but this time she felt it was really important. Both yesterday and today she had gotten the idea that the boys were planning some mischief. Tonight she had gone to hunt for her kitten, when she had heard the voices of the boys on the other side of the hedge.

Sure enough, they were up to mischief! They were planning to steal some pears from Mr. Falk, the old man who had charge of a neighbouring fruit orchard.

When Saturday came, Lisbeth walked around innocent as you please, but she kept her eyes and ears open. About nine o'clock she saw Olof slip out the side door. Quick as a flash Lisbeth grabbed her jacket and was out the other door.

Down by the hedge near the orchard two shadows met, but they did not notice a third shadow slipping quietly from one bush to another across the road.

"Boy, are we ever lucky, Jan!" whispered Olof. "The door to the fruit shed isn't even locked. I'll bet the shed is just full of fruit!"

The boys disappeared into the shed. Lisbeth, who had trailed the boys all the way, now flattened her body tight against the wall of the shed, in the deeper shadow of a pear tree. Scared, lest the moon would come out and reveal her

presence, she pressed her ear to a crack in the wall and listened intently.

Lisbeth still had no plan to get the best of the boys, though her mind was spinning likkety-cut. She knew it was mean business to steal from the kind, old Mr. Falk. What could she, a ten-year-old girl, do against those husky fellows? If she could only play some trick on them! Maybe she could slip around the back of the farmhouse and bark like a dog—she was good at imitating a dog's bark—but chances were that Olof would recognize her voice.

Suddenly something happened that nobody had expected. The gate to the ward creaked, and then heavy footsteps approached on the gravel path. Lisbeth was scared stiff and couldn't move, and the boys held their breath until it became painful! What now!

The steps hesitated at the half open shed door. Then, suddenly, the door slammed shut and the padlock snapped. The footsteps retreated the way they had come and everything was quiet again.

It was still as death inside the shed, where two boys were imprisoned like rats in a trap. And Lisbeth hardly dared to breathe until the lights went out in the farmhouse and the farmer had gone to bed. Then Lisbeth tapped quietly on the wall.

"Olof," she whispered.

"Who's there?" Olof whispered back.

"It's me!"

"Oh, Lisbeth! Good for you! Can you open the door? We'll do anything for you."

Ho! ho! thought Lisbeth, now Olof was meek enough. Lisbeth started feeling around for the key—maybe it had been hung on the doorpost somewhere. She felt around as high as she could stretch, but no luck! Finally, she had to drag one of the empty fruit crates near the wall and stand on it. Good! Way up under the edge of the roof she found what she was looking for!

Lisbeth got down and tiptoed over to the crack in the wall.

"Olof!"

"Right here! Did you find the key?"

"I found it. Olof?"

"What do you want?"

"Have you taken any pears?"

"You bet! We've got a whole sack full!"

Here was Lisbeth's chance—the opportunity she had been looking for.

"Put 'em back, Olof! Right away!"

"What! You're crazy."

"Not a bit! You and Jan ought to be ashamed of yourselves. You know as well as I do what is right and good and Christian. And then you have the nerve to steal. You put those pears back or I'll go straight home!"

"You can't do that to us!" There was a pause. Then in a different voice Olof answered, "Okay, okay! We'll dump everything."

Lisbeth heard the boys dumping the fruit back into the crates, but she was not satisfied.

"And will you promise, both of you, never to do anything like that again?"

"You rascal!" Olof muttered, but

Jan interrupted, "We promise. Now open the door like a nice girl. Anything was better than to be caught by the farmer in the morning.

The padlock rattled and Lisbeth opened the door. Two baffled boys slipped out and disappeared in opposite directions.

They were still more bewildered the following Monday morning, when they came to school and discovered that Mr. Falk had brought a large crate of big pears for the teacher and the pupils. When the teacher thanked him so much for the fruit, Mr. Falk answered, "I just wanted to show you boys and girls how much I appreciated your leaving my fruit alone, and I'm really thankful."

Olof and Jan, ashamed, did not dare look at Lisbeth. They even shared a secret respect for the obstinate honesty of this "kid" whom they had hardly paid any attention to before. Thanks to Lisbeth they did not have to have a bad conscience for having done what was wrong in the sight of God.

Karin Meden-Adde

From Salvation Army's publication "The Young Soldier."

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I Cannot Hide

I cannot hide my thoughts from God,

He sees my heart, and knows
The things I plan to say and do
Unto my friends and foes.

And so I pray that He shall help
Me always to do right,
And keep my motives pure and good,
My actions square and white.

Life's Arithmetic

Let each day find you wiser
Before it pass away.
Add to your store of knowledge
Such learning as you may;
The chain across the river,
Stretching from brink to brink —
It was not forged and cast at once,
But link was put to link.
Subtract from all your service
The things that mar and spoil;
Face duties with a cheerful heart,
Without a grumble, toil.
"A merry heart goes all the way,"
The poet said of old;
And you shall find a wiser truth
Has never yet been told.
Sweet deeds of love and service
Still learn to multiply;
There is so much that you can do,
If you will only try.
For little hands small tasks are set
That men could never do,
And you may speak so many words
That helpful are and true.
Divide your time up wisely,
Within each separate day;
There is a time for you to work,
A time for you to play;
And if your time is wisely spent,
And portioned out like this,
Your childhood will be sure to lead
To years of peace and bliss.



Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(1st Installment)

CHAPTER I MAKING AN IMPRESSION

"Come along, Nancy!" called Mrs. Norwood impatiently. "We'll be late if you don't hurry." And as she spoke she turned away from the open front door with a helpless glance at the big grandfather clock ticking away so relentlessly in the hall.

"Yes, mum!" a girl's voice called back from the bedroom at the end of the passage. "But it's only half past ten—there's plenty of time."

"Time?" echoed Mr. Norwood, as he strode up and took his hat from the hall stand. "It's time we were on our way. Really, Thelma, I can't see how that daughter of ours can possibly take so long to get ready!"

Mrs. Norwood smiled knowingly. "I think she's determined to make an impression on the new minister, if you ask me!" she observed, in a voice loud enough for the girl to hear.

But there was no reply from the bedroom; instead, Nancy could be heard humming a popular tune to herself as she put the final touches to her new spring outfit.

"We'll certainly make an impression if we all walk in late!" Charles Norwood's patience seemed to be wearing out. "Come on, Nancy—we're waiting!"

"All right—just a minute!"

And Nancy Norwood's parents heaved a sigh. Really, she was very trying at times, this daughter of theirs . . . Here she was keeping them late for church when they had specially wanted to be early! The Southdown Grove church was welcoming its new minister this morning, and for the Norwoods to be late would be unthinkable—especially when Mr. Norwood was a senior deacon and Mrs. Norwood a leading member of the choir. But it didn't seem to be worrying Nancy.

Still, she had always been a good girl—she had never caused them any real worry, they reflected. They had been proud of her record at school and at college, and now that she had a good position in a large music warehouse in the city they were hoping she would eventually make music her career. For Nancy had a very sweet singing voice; inherited from her mother, Mrs. Norwood always said—and of course Mr. Norwood agreed. But be that as it might, Nancy was usually asked to sing at concerts and on special occasions at the church, and everybody expressed the opinion that she would "go far" with a voice like that.

But just now Mr. and Mrs. Norwood were more concerned about

being on time for church than about their daughter's future.

"Nancy——!"

But just as Mrs. Norwood raised her voice again there came a quick, light step along the passage and Nancy herself came to view, a tall slim figure in a new powder-blue spring suit.

"How do you like it?" she greeted them gaily, her dark hazel eyes sparkling with anticipation, for Nancy Norwood was perfectly well aware that her new suit was "just right". The soft shade of blue brought out the colour of her eyes, the freshness of her clear complexion and the dark auburn tints in her hair which fell in light waves almost to her slim straight shoulders.

Nancy Norwood was not conceited; but at seventeen years of age (or nearly eighteen, as she preferred to put it) she was an attractive girl, and she knew how to make the most of her charm. When Nancy Norwood went out, the most critical eye could not find fault with her appearance. She never neglected the smallest detail, and although she spent a long time on her toilet it was not altogether time wasted as far as she was concerned. But her real charm lay in the bright personality and quick ready smile that had won her so many friends, for Nancy was always popular wherever she went. An only child, she never seemed to have missed the companionship of brothers and sisters, for her parents had always encouraged her to bring friends home and to have as much company of her own age as possible. She was equally at ease with older people, too, and it was not to be wondered at if she sometimes looked on her parents more as companions than as elders. Her mother and father had played a big part in her life, and a very close bond existed between all three of them.

"Well, how do you like it?" she asked again, turning slowly around on the heel of her smart black shoe to display her suit to better advantage.

"Oh, it looks lovely, dear!" Mrs. Norwood, completely carried away by the vision before her, seemed to have forgotten everything else. "Doesn't it, Charles?"

"H'm-m," conceded Charles, rather grudgingly. "But just look at the time!"

"Oh, yes, dear—do hurry!" Mrs. Norwood came back to realities with a start.

Nancy smiled serenely. "I won't be long—but there's no need to wait for me. Trevor's calling for me in the car."

"Well——!" Mr. and Mrs. Norwood exchanged exasperated glances.

"Oh, didn't I tell you?" She look-

ed from one to the other in innocent surprise.

"Tell us?" echoed her mother, aghast.

"Of course you didn't," declared her father firmly, "or we wouldn't have been waiting here these last ten minutes, keeping ourselves late."

"Sorry!" said Nancy contritely, but there was a twinkle in her eye. "Never mind, you won't be late—we'll make room for you in the car."

"Nonsense!" retorted her mother quickly. The prospect of being one of the extra passengers in Trevor Warne's two-seater sports car did not appeal to Thelma Norwood at all. "Anyway," she went on, "Trevor doesn't usually come to church on Sunday mornings—what's happened to him?"

Nancy laughed. "Oh, well, we don't have a new minister every Sunday, do we?"

Her father snorted. "Trevor would never be able to keep it up if we did!"

"Oh, now—dad!" Nancy remonstrated, with a playful wag of her finger.

But Charles Norwood was only having a friendly grouch. He was really quite fond of Trevor Warne. So was Mrs. Norwood. In fact, Trevor had always been her favourite among all the young people who had enjoyed the hospitality of their home. Nancy and Trevor had practically grown up together. They attended the same church and Sunday school, sharing all the varied interests of its large youth group. But lately the two of them seemed to have "paired off," and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood were quite pleased with the way things were going. They had no objection to their daughter's name being coupled with Trevor's, indeed, they secretly cherished hopes of a very desirable "match." The Warnes were not church people, but Trevor was a member—that was the main thing. And anyway, his father was Southdown's leading barrister, so the family had some standing in the community. No, the Norwoods would have been the last to discourage such a prospect, and the knowledge that Trevor had bestirred himself sufficiently to take their daughter to church on a Sunday morning soothed their ruffled spirits considerably, and compensated somewhat for the inconvenience to which they had been put. "Come along, dear," said Charles resignedly, offering his arm to his wife. "We're not wanted in this act."

"Oh, I didn't say that, daddy!" protested Nancy with a laugh, but there was a spot of colour in her cheeks.

"Of course you didn't, dear." Her mother stooped and kissed her. "But we were young ourselves once," she added in a whisper. "Goodbye, dear—we'll see you at the church."

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood always walked to church on Sunday mornings, and usually Nancy went with them; but this morning, of course, they set off alone. It was only ten minutes' walk at the most from their house in Burnside Avenue to Southdown Grove, where the church was situated right on the main thoroughfare, and Mr. Norwood who was driving his car all the week felt that the little exercise did him good. Mrs. Norwood didn't mind the walk, either. Dressed in her Sunday best, she felt an inward sense of satisfaction as she walked leisurely down the street and nodded to the neighbours who were still strolling about in casual attire. She liked them to know that with the Norwoods Sunday was different. . . .

But they hadn't the same leisure to enjoy the walk this morning, for they were later leaving than usual and their minds were preoccupied with other things. But the sun was shining brightly and the trees that lined the Avenue interlaced overhead in a canopy of palest green, while every household garden had its blossom or its roses or its daffodils shedding the fragrance of spring on the crisp morning air. Yes, it was a lovely day—a lovely day to welcome the new minister to Southdown Grove. What would he be like, they wondered with mounting curiosity, as each step brought them nearer to the church.

It still wanted a few minutes to eleven o'clock as Mr. and Mrs. Norwood joined themselves to the fringe of the crowd that had gathered outside the church. Among them they recognized some of the regular worshippers, and the not-so-regular, and some who were complete strangers; for the coming of Pastor Maxwell Brandon to the church at Southdown Grove had been widely announced, and a letter of invitation to the special welcome services had been left at every home within fifteen minutes' walk of the church.

"It's going to be a big service, Charles," murmured Mrs. Norwood eagerly.

"I knew it would be," replied her husband complacently, with the self-satisfied air of one who had played some part in the preliminary arrangements.

They were just making their way up the path to the church steps when Charles was hurried off to join the rest of the deacons in a special pew at the front, and Mrs. Norwood, who had intended to wait until Nancy and Trevor arrived, was summoned to take her place in the choir.

So there was no sign of either of them when a little red sports car pulled up with a flourish at the curb, just as the church clock was chiming eleven o'clock, and a young man bounded out on to the road.

(To be continued)

Church Cooperation in Indonesia

By Melvin D. Schmidt

(This is an interpretive article by Paxman Melvin D. Schmidt, Newton, Kans., who serves in the offices of the National Council of Churches in Indonesia, Djakarta. He was loaned to the Indonesian Council of Churches by MCC for three years.)

Unity is of fundamental importance in the life of any Christian fellowship. In a relatively homogeneous culture, internal cooperation might be taken for granted. But in Indonesia, with its dozens of widely divergent cultures scattered over an archipelago of 3,000 islands, cooperation becomes a day-to-day struggle, a problem of creating unity in diversity.

Certainly not least among the barriers to cooperation in Indonesia is the geography of the country. The problems of communication and transportation that such a geography presents are understandably enormous. No transcontinental railways or trucklines are possible. Freight to be shipped between islands must be carted from one means of transportation to another up to six or seven times—each transfer creating the possibility of damage or pilfering. Shipments sent from New York can be expected to arrive in Djakarta in two months by sea. If transshipped from Djakarta to any point within the country it can easily take six or nine months.

The geographical fragmentation of the country is equalled by its social and cultural diversity. On the Indonesian chain of 3,000 islands 2,000 languages are at home. Nearly every island has its own vernacular. Each area on an island and often each town within the area claims a distinctive dialect or language. A language may be highly developed with its own script, such as the Javanese with its complicated grammar or the Batak with its expressive love poetry, or it may be nothing more than a pasar (market) lingo. Often Indonesians themselves need two or three interpreters to communicate with people from an isolated island or village where no one has learned the national language.

Besides geographic and cultural differences in Indonesia, there are diversities in religion. The kaleidoscopic pattern of religions found in Indonesia is rooted in the history of the country. Chinese Buddhism made its first appearance in the fifth century when the first Buddhist priest from China entered Indonesia. Beautiful monuments and shrines of Buddhism are found in Java and Bali which date from the eighth century. Buddhism has made the greatest inroads in Bali where the predominant religion is a syncretism of Buddhism and Hinduism.

Mohammedanism and Christianity both entered Indonesia in the

14th century, being brought by spice traders from Europe and Arabia. Christianity did not make a very great impression on the native culture and was actually stifled by the vigorous and militant Moslem advance, which literally made a clean sweep of the country, driving all other religions before it and forcing them off to the outer islands where they eventually established their own pockets of influence.

Eventually the Dutch East India Company gained control through its policy of "divide and conquer," by which the various ethnic groups were played off against each other, and Indonesia was again opened to Christian missionary activity. As the various societies moved into the country, they tended to concentrate their efforts on certain areas or ethnic groups. Thus each sending society built up its own sphere of influence as the number of converts increased.

It is therefore a striking characteristic of the church in Indonesia that it has grown up through the work of separate mission societies with separate confessional and national heritages so that the different parts of Indonesia are distinctly marked by the mission church in the area. In one area the congregations sing only reformation hymns and use Dutch Reformed liturgy, while in another area Sankey revival songs are sung. One Indonesian calls himself a "Baptist Christian," another calls himself a "Southern Baptist Christian Protestant." Some call themselves "Chinese Indonesian Protestant Christian Mennonites."

This denominationalism has also given rise to a new concept of partnership. The term "partner" is used in Indonesia to denote a somewhat exclusive relationship between a certain synod in Indonesia and the "mother church" abroad. Relationships with other churches are looked upon distrustfully as a sort of promiscuity or disloyalty.

The move toward political unification of Indonesia which occurred during and immediately after the Japanese occupation in the 1940's, also stimulated unifying movements among the churches. The drive for political independence and the fervor of nationalism became the catalyst which started the Christian church on the way toward ecumenicity. The unity movements from the various areas coalesced in 1950 to form the National Council of Churches in Indonesia with the stated aim of achieving a united Christian church in Indonesia. This goal was first articulated by Indonesian delegates to a conference in Jerusalem in 1928. Twenty-seven church bodies became affiliated as charter members of the National

Council of Churches. Four additional bodies have joined since, bringing the total to 31 member churches with a combined membership of nearly 3,500,000. Like other denominations, the Indonesian Mennonite Church cooperates with the National Council of Churches in Indonesia but is independently organized.

The National Council of Churches has 16 commissions which guide the affairs of the council and look after the needs of the church in all areas of church life such as literature, army welfare, material aid, social action and youth. Each of these commissions represents a cooperative venture in itself as it always involves bringing together people from different backgrounds and convictions.

The Indonesian Christians are constantly aware of the dangers of becoming a "receiving church" and are taking stock of their own peculiar resources to determine what Indonesia has to offer others. Calls for Indonesian missionaries have come from other countries of Southeast Asia. Work is progressing on giving help to the Malayan Christian church in the field of Christian literature, as the Indonesians are already veterans in translating foreign languages into

bahasa Indonesia, which is one of the Malayan family of languages. A youth worker from Indonesia recently spent a year in Australia visiting various college-age groups.

The warm response of the Indonesian Churches to the Japan Relief Appeal in spite of the serious economic crisis they were facing themselves in the wake of a devaluation of the currency, makes it abundantly clear that they are willing to participate responsibly in international cooperation.

Inter-Church Aid, the organization of the Indonesian Council of Churches which distributes material aid, is probably the most obvious example of cooperation with churches abroad. The contacts afforded by this program foster good relationships between peoples. They establish a bond of Christian brotherhood and partnership in a way which is not possible in the traditional "mission" relationship. All these are concrete manifestations of a people which is striving to identify itself with the Christian cause everywhere.

"That they may be one" is the sincere prayer of the church in Indonesia, both for itself and for Christians around the world. To this end the Christians in Indonesia have dedicated themselves, and as their spirit of cooperation and unity radiates to the rest of the world, Christians in other lands will be able to see and hear answers to Jesus' last prayer.

179 Complete Summer Voluntary Service

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — One hundred seventy-nine volunteers are completing Summer Service assignments under the MCC Voluntary Service program in the US and Canada. Eighty-seven volunteers served in the US program and 92 in Canadian summer service.

Two new projects were initiated this summer at Woods Schools, Langhorne, Pa., and at Tepoztlan, Mexico. Woods Schools is a community for mentally retarded children and young adults, where summer workers are needed to replace regular attendants on vacation. The project in Mexico was one of health education among school children of the Tepoztlan area, under the direction of the Mexico City YMCA.

Summer Service projects in the US are administered by MCC Voluntary Service offices in Akron, Pa. The Canadian units are under the direction of the Waterloo, Ont., offices of MCC.

Burkholder Visits Canadian Service Units

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — J. Richard Burkholder, director of the MCC Summer Voluntary Service program, recently spent a week visiting five summer service units in

Manitoba, Canada. Burkholder participated in unit meetings, informal discussions and personal interviews with the unit members.

The five Manitoba service projects, administered by the Waterloo MCC office, are located at Winnipeg General Hospital, Clearwater Lake Sanatorium at The Pas, the provincial Mental Hospital at Brandon, the Ninette Tuberculosis Sanatorium and the School for the Mentally Defective at Portage la Prairie.

Greek University Students Join Paxmen

Aridea, Greece. — In July, Greek seminary students arrived at the Pax unit location to live and work with the Paxmen. During European MCC Director Peter Dyck's visit there in May several professors and 150 theological students from the Theological Seminary in Salonica came to Panayitsa to visit the village and see what the Mennonites had accomplished and were doing there. This visit aroused their interest to the extent that several of the professors asked to have seminary men spend two to three months of their summer vacation with the Pax team to learn from them, to preach in the churches, to meet with the youth for instruction and assist the churches and the villages in any other way possible.

News from Here and There

Georgia Methodist, Vice Foe, Fired On.

A Methodist minister, who spoke out against vice from his pulpit after being warned not to preach anymore about "gambling and clip joints," escaped uninjured when five rifle shots were fired into his bedroom in the early morning recently. "I'll keep on preaching along the same lines," said Rev. C. B. Studstill, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Darien, Ga. "This is no time to let up."

American Baptists Break Ground For Headquarters

Ground was broken at Valley Forge, Pa., on a fifty-five-acre site for the \$8,500,000 national headquarters of the American Baptist maintained at five scattered locations in New York and Philadelphia, but the new headquarters is scheduled for completion and occupancy in the spring of 1962.

President Designates "National Prayer Day"

Wednesday, October 5, has been designated by President Eisenhower as a National Day of Prayer. A joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals."

Evangelical Fellowship to Build Headquarters

Plans have been finalized for the construction of a permanent headquarters building for the Evangelical Fellowship of India. Leaders from over fifty evangelical churches and organizations have approved plans to erect the structure in New Delhi. Construction is expected to begin in 1961 if adequate funds are in hand.

Dublin Gets Protestant Mayor

The predominantly Catholic city council of Dublin, for the second time in four years, elected a non-Catholic as lord mayor. Maurice E. Dockrell, a prominent Protestant, assumes this post for the coming year. In 1956 Robert Briscoe, who is Jewish, held this office.

Christian News Report

AFRICA—All Christian missionaries have been ordered by the governor of Equatoria, the southernmost province of the Sudan, to close down their bookshops and any other business enterprises that they operate. This was the latest in a long series of restrictive measures imposed on missionaries by the gov-

ernment in a campaign for the "complete Islamization of Sudan." In some places, missionaries are being quarantined at their stations and are not allowed to tend or visit the sick.

DENMARK—Miss Ellen Nielsen, veteran Danish missionary who after a lifetime of service in China refused to be repatriated, died in that country on July 25, her 89th birthday, the Danish Missionary Society announced late in August. The society said the news was received by telegram from the Danish Embassy in Peking. Miss Nielsen spent her entire 62-year missionary career in the Manchurian city of Takushan, and became a Chinese citizen in 1931. Several times the missionary society offered to bring her back to Denmark, but she always said no. The most recent occasion was early this year. Her reply was: "I remain with my dear Chinese."

On September 23, Doubleday published *Light Beneath the Cross*, the story of Billy Graham's recent crusade in Australia and New Zealand. Beginning with a capsule portrayal of the history and current events of Australia, and of the place of religion in this picture, the authors present the impact of the Graham crusade upon every section of Australian and New Zealand life. The authors are Stuart Barton Babbage, Anglican Dean of Melbourne, and Ian Siggins, a member of the faculty of Ridley College in Melbourne.

Some 10,000 books have been published in Israel since the establishment of the state 12 years ago. In 1959 alone 1,470 books were published. The Bible, that is, the Old Testament, commentaries and a Bible encyclopedia are among those which have had circulation in tens of thousands.

Germany—A plan to unite churches around the world in a cooperative social-service program to aid the needy has been proposed in Berlin. The mobilization would be the largest single endeavor of its kind ever undertaken. Dr. Leslie Cooke outlined the proposal for consideration by the World Council of Churches. He said the world situation calls for further expansion of what the churches are already doing. A major part of Dr. Cooke's proposal is the development of specific and comprehensive technical and training projects of five to ten years duration in a series of countries. These would demonstrate improved techniques of land use, home economy and welfare, family and child-care. Methods employed would be on the local level, developed in cooperation with local people and churches in each area.

England—More than 2,000 young people and their leaders from 20 nations participated in Youth for Christ International's 12th World Christian Youth Congress in Bristol, England. The concept of "teens telling teens" reached a new international level as British young people heard the Gospel from youth representing Italy, France, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, India, Ceylon, Jamaica, Austria, Africa and a delegation of more than 100 from North America. Each night of the week-long Congress some 50 teams fanned out across the city of Bristol, England's second largest metropolis, in simultaneous youth evangelistic meetings in churches, schools and public meetings. Outdoor meetings were held in parks, on street corners, in city centers and in one graveyard. Teens and their leaders found a new area of evangelism as regular "raids on the pubs" were held before and after the evening meetings. Groups of Congress delegates went into the "pubs" to sing and witness to, as well as to invite to the services hundreds of British people who were not otherwise being reached through conventional means.

West Germany—A 10-pfennig postage stamp has been issued com-

memorating the 1960 production of the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play. The new stamp, the sale of which will be discontinued at the end of November, is green, yellow and two shades of gray. Horizontally arranged, the design contains an oval in which are portrayed instruments of torture used at the crucifixion of Christ. Within the postal design's centered oval are presented among other symbols, the cross, the torture instruments and a ladder leading to the horizontal bar of the cross. A rooster is perched on the right side of the bar, recalling the cock which crowed when Peter denied he was a disciple of Jesus. Along the stamp top border "Passion Spiel" is inscribed in Roman capital letters. "Oberammergau" in the same script is along the base. The vignette carries a 1960 date.

Mexico—Four concerts from among the Tepehuana tribe of Mexico have been baptised. They were won to Christ through the Wycliffe Translators who lived among them for eight years while preparing the Bible in their language. One of the believers has helped with the translation and is now holding services in his home.

Youth Worker Program Helps

Editors: Walter and Katie Wiebe

This book published by the Youth Committee of the Canadian M. B. Conference has been written to help youth committees and workers in local churches to plan and carry out their youth work.

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From Asuncion, Paraguay, to Newton, Kansas, by Car

(Report No. 3)

(This is the third in a series of reports from John Schmidt, M.D., and his family who are traveling from Asuncion, Paraguay, to Newton, Kans., by car. Dr. Schmidt is founder and director of the MCC Paraguay Leprosy Mission near Asuncion.)

After over a week's travel through the mountains of Bolivia and numerous visits with missionaries along the way, we set out for Santa Cruz. We wished to visit the Mennonite settlements located north-east of Santa Cruz. We were pleasantly surprised at the good roads. It was asphalt all the way except for a stretch over a high mountain range which was often fog-bound and which people call Siberia. We arrived in Santa Cruz at night fall and happened to see an evangelical preacher who gave us general directions to Tres Palmas, one of the Mennonite settlements, although he had never been there. As we left town, we stopped at various homes, but no one knew about Mennonites—in sharp contrast to Paraguay, where everyone, even in the large city of Asuncion, knows the Mennonites. We crossed about 15 miles of sandy ox road through bush and camps. Arriving at the school at Tres Palmas, we found a colony meeting in session. They interrupted the meeting and greeted us because we were old-time friends.

Schartners, once preacher and teacher of our children at our mission, have several rooms next to the school. They welcomed us heartily and invited us in to a much appreciated supper. Schartners are well accepted there and they are certainly filling a great need as preacher and teacher. Tres Palmas is composed of Mennonite families who came from Fernheim, Paraguay. Three other villages made up of 28 families from Menno Colony are called Menores. Fernheim and Menno never had much in common on the spiritual level. This is the case here also. There are times when they fellowship together or when the Menores accept a preacher from Tres Palmas. Each colony has its own school. The children of the

Menores school appeared very pale, a common sign of hookworm. When we showed our slides in Tres Palmas, everyone from both colonies was present and a good spirit prevailed.

The farmers in Bolivia had a good start by means of government loans, but they find it difficult to make payments. Some farmers are very poor, but there are some in both colonies who are relatively wealthy, considering the short time (seven years) that they have been there. The land is productive and meat has a specially good price. Corn is the main crop, but the price is low. Two musts for these farmers are check planting and hybrid corn. We met several Paxmen here. They were aiding the colony people in their relations with the government and gave guidance in hog raising and road-building.

From the Chaco Mennonites' standpoint the Mennonites in Bolivia are deserters just as the Friesland colonists were considered deserters back in 1941. Friesland had a hard beginning but is doing well now. We think the future for the Bolivian colonies is not bad financially and a great spiritual blessing may result if we help them in being a witness to the surrounding world.

After a day and two nights in Tres Palmas, we started back. It was mid-afternoon when we came to Los Negros, a leprosy colony supported and run by the New Tribes Mission. The administrator and the male nurse took us around. They have 164 people in the colony, 114 of these are patients. All patients who are able have their home and little farm. For the acute cases there is an adequate infirmary. We know they are getting good care, but the stigma of the disease is a heavy burden to bear. Most of the patients are Christians.

After another hour's drive, we arrived at E. Tambo, a school where missionary children from different missions in the area attend grade and high school. Here they were having the closing exercises and many parents were present. Four children were graduating from the eighth grade and each had to make

a speech on the theme, "Time and Eternity." We find a strong spiritual emphasis in the school and the children love it. When in the United States on furlough with their parents they long for the time to come back to school here. Even though the living quarters were crowded, they found some mattresses for us and we slept in the little house of Hans Wiens, a Menno boy who used to work with us and had moved to Santa Cruz. Dave Wiebe and his wife are very active here, and bring Mennonites from Menno and Santa Cruz here to work. Mrs. Wiebe is cook and Mr. Wiebe is handy man and mechanic.

Having had difficult experiences in the mountains, we dreaded passing over the Andes. If we were hardly able to cross the lower mountains, how were we to make grades up to 15,252 feet. From Cochobamba to Orure would be the big climb, they told us. We thought of lightening our load by sending some of the baggage by truck, but since no opportunity presented itself, we had to make the best of it. We had a happy surprise. We found all grades gradual, roads good and much of the country like a plateau. Between ascents we found stretches of level road. This road to Oruro, the only one out of Cochobamba, had been out of commission from January to April because of landslides during a flood. During that time it had also been impassable by train. This is the dry season in Bolivia and that is why we undertook the trip at this time. We feel the hand of the Lord leading us as we go.

The country was bleak and we found few people living here, not even many Indians. Occasionally little Indian boys knelt by the roadside begging for money. Herds of llama were grazing in their natural habitat here.

The Altoplane (great plateau) is a long stretch of level country, but the road was long and dusty so that we were still not making good time. We did not enter the city of La Paz but had dinner on the outskirts, 2000 feet above the city. Our dinner consisted of soup purchased at one of the numerous little stands beside the road. We couldn't help but wonder what all was in that soup. But it was much better than the soup we saw on a previous occasion when we all had worked up appetites for soup. I had been directed to a restaurant in a little town to buy some good soup. The first room I entered was not a bit inviting and then I was directed to the back room where a very grimy Indian woman sat beside her grimy stove close to her grimy kettles eating from her grimy soup. The whole scene defied description! The children had eagerly followed me, but now said not a word as we went out single file without soup!

As we neared the border, we caught sight of the beautiful Titicaca Lake, the highest navigable

lake in the world. Its blue water, the little white sailboats and the Indian reed canoes make it a most picturesque scene. Again it took a long time to get through customs and we stopped at a "hotel" for the night. We were shown to the best one and did find comfortable beds, but they served no food. Nowhere could we buy supper. It was fortunate that the lady of the hotel was kind and allowed us to set up our little stove in one of the first floor rooms where there were a table and chairs. Powdered soup and bread has often come to our rescue, as it did that night. It was interesting to note that in each place the bread and buns had their characteristic shape and flavour. They were not wrapped in waxed paper!

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Picture to your left: The children of Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt are playing at the shore of the Pacific Ocean. Picture to your right: Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Missionaries in Los Negros with four children of leper parents.

Voth—Funk

Miss Mary Funk, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John J. Funk of Elm Creek, Man., and Mr. Herman Voth, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Voth of Manitou, Man., were married in the Elm Creek M. B. church on August 20.

The father of the bride, Rev. John Funk, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. H. Quiring of Winkler. Mr. Frank Funk was the soloist and Miss Margaret Thiessen the pianist. The choir also presented a number in song.

The couple went east for their honeymoon and plan to reside in Winnipeg upon their return.

Martens—Kasdorf

Miss Susan Kasdorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kasdorf of Niverville, Man., and Mr. Rudy Martens, son of Mr. and Mrs.

George Martens of Sperling, Man., were married in the South End M. B. church on August 20.

Rev. J. P. Neufeld officiated, assisted by Rev. F. C. Peters. Miss Betty Suderman of Winkler was organist and Mr. Peter Koslowsky of Niverville was soloist.

Ushers for the wedding were Mr. John Martens and Mr. Peter Hildebrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Martens made a wedding trip to the United States, after which they will reside in Winnipeg, where Mr. Martens will be teaching and Mrs. Martens will continue working.

Funk—Poetker

Killarney United church was the scene of a wedding, when Miss Hedy Poetker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Poetker of Lena, Man., and Mr. Henry Funk, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Funk of Elm Creek, Man.,

were united in marriage at 6:30 p.m., on August 23.

Rev. J. H. Quiring was the officiating minister. Special songs were presented by Mr. Frank Funk, brother of the bridegroom, and Mary and Viola Poetker, sisters of the bride.

The reception took place in the Lena M. B. church, where the many friends were given the opportunity of viewing the displayed gifts and wishing the couple God's blessings.

After a short honeymoon trip, the couple will reside in Brandon, Man., where both have accepted teaching positions.

Enns—Fast

Miss Vera Donna Fast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Fast of Winnipeg, and Mr. George Hardy Enns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob G. Enns of Niverville, were mar-

ried in the South End M. B. church on August 27. Rev. Frank C. Peters officiated.

The bride's attendants were Mrs. Eleanore Fast and Mrs. Adina Sukkau. Betty Fast, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl. The groom's attendants were Rudy Enns, brother of the bridegroom, and Donald Dick. Mrs. Irene Enns, Mrs. Elona Schellenberg, Rudy Enns and Peter Braun served with two numbers in song, and Mr. Braun also sang a solo. Ted Wiens, John Sukkau and Leonard Leppy were the ushers.

Special guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fast (senior), Saskatoon, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fast (junior) and their family from Montreal. Other close relatives who had come from Saskatoon were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fast and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dyck and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Toews.

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To Be Paid in Full

A hotelkeeper in the wild West was accustomed to charge ministers of the Gospel only half price for accommodations and meals in his establishment.

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His day of departure arrived, and when he presented himself at the desk to check out, he flashed credentials and exclaimed, "I am a preacher!"

"What! You a minister?" demanded the incredulous innkeeper. "I can hardly believe it!"

"Why not?" nervously queried the concerned clergyman.

"Well, you have not once asked a blessing at your meals," retorted the manager coldly. "Moreover, when I have accompanied you to your room and then taken away the light, you have said no prayers."

The minister squirmed uncomfort-

ably under the hotelkeeper's critical grace. "You have eaten like a heathen," he continued. "You have drunk like a heathen, and I guess you now had better pay like a heathen."

The manager extended an itemized bill and said sharply, "Full price!"

That embarrassed preacher had to pay his bill in full, but people who profess to be saints and live like sinners are bound to receive the wages of sin in full, except they repent. And "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). On the other hand, "the gift of God," available even unto hypocrites, "is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Should Teenagers Drive Cars?

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3. 41 per cent of C students owned cars.
4. 71 per cent of D students owned cars.
5. 83 per cent of failing students owned cars.

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Ecuador Campaign

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50 years that followed was disappointing. By 1947 there was only one gospel church in this capital city of more than 200,000 inhabitants. However, in the past 13 years, the picture has changed considerably. A total of 19 other churches and Sunday schools have come into existence. Many of these groups are still very small, but the gospel is "on the march" in Quito.

One of the outstanding results of this United Campaign has been the enthusiasm and the unity manifested by the believers. They have suddenly realized that they are more numerous, powerful and united than they have been before. A new surge of pride in being an evangelical has possessed them. They are still a despised minority, but they are a victorious, consecrated minority ready to step out in faith for far greater triumphs in the future.

(This special news report was prepared for ERA subscribers by The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Quito, Ecuador.)

Less Lutherans Now

There are 33,000 less Lutherans in the world this year than there were last year. This fact was revealed recently when the latest annual directory of the Lutheran World Federation was published. According to a New York City spokesman for the National Lutheran Council, the loss came as a result of communist activities behind the Iron Curtain. Membership gains elsewhere failed to offset a 613,700 loss in the Church of Saxony, in East Germany. The new total for Germany's biggest Lutheran denomination had fallen to only 3,800,000. Other facts: 1) Global membership of Lutheran churches now stands at 71,101,800. 2) Half of the members—36,827,300 live in Germany. 3) The U.S. is the second-ranking Lutheran country with a total of 8,054,500 communicants in 16 bodies—up 215,000 over 1959 membership. 4) Largest single Lutheran body is the Church of Sweden with 7,000,000 members. 5) Membership gains in mission field areas—India and Africa especially—"substantial" last year.

Evangelistic Crusade Planned

Japan—Tokyo, the world's largest city, will get one of the world's largest evangelistic crusades in history in May, 1961, according to a recent statement released by World Vision, Inc. The 10,000-seat Meiji Auditorium has been reserved and plans are being made to use TV and radio to carry the crusade into the homes of many of the country's 91-million people. A special target will be the 700,000 students in the city's 150 universities and 400 high schools. The featured speaker will be Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision.

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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)

October 2. — Opening program of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, on Sunday at 7 p.m. in the M. B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, Winnipeg.

September 19. — Registration of students at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

October 8-11. — Central District M. B. Conference sessions at Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

October 15-18. — Southern District M. B. Conference sessions at Fairview, Oklahoma.

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