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

I Cor. 2:2

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Missionaries to Mexico



Brother and Sister Eugene Janzen and daughters, Lynette Kay, 4, and Susan Grace, 2.

Brother and Sister Eugene Janzen of the Fairview, Oklahoma Church have been appointed to missionary service in Mexico. During the past two years they have been working among Latin Americans at Los Ebanos, Texas, under the Southern District Board of Home Missions. While attending our schools in Fresno, the Janzens were engaged in various practical Christian services and also served among Spanish-speaking people. Brother Janzen has attended Tabor College

and been graduated from Pacific Bible Institute and Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary and Sister Janzen has attended Corn Bible Academy and Pacific Bible Institute. Brother Janzen is a son of Arthur Janzens of Orland, California, and Sister Janzen a daughter of Frank Wicherts of Fairview. Our prayerful remembrance of these folks as they study in Costa Rica and then enter into the work in Mexico will be appreciated.

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Gospel Outreach at Winnipegosis

This past summer the Lord has given us many open doors to reach the lost souls in the town of Winnipegosis and in the surrounding area. Every Saturday night since June 18, a street meeting was held at the main intersection of town. This is a joint venture of the Gospel Light Mission, an extension work of the Manitoba M. B. Church, and the General Conference Mennonite Church, located nine miles from Winnipegosis.

On Saturday night we met at the Mission chapel at 8 o'clock for prayer and a short practice of the songs. Then we gathered at the foot of the war memorial in town for the open-air service. Gospel records were played over the P. A. system before and after the ser-

vice. Group singing accompanied by an accordion, testimonies,



DVBS at Winnipegosis. Teachers and children lined up in front of the Gospel Light Mission chapel.

Scripture reading and prayer, occasional special numbers, and a message from God's Word comprised the program.

Since stores are open till 10 p.m. on Saturday, there were many people on the streets and in the shops that heard the gospel in word and song. Several young people distributed tracts during the service. The Spirit has spoken to many who need Christ. Only last Saturday a man came to us after the message and inquired further about the way of salvation. Pray for a spiritual awakening in this needy town.

Another avenue of outreach was DVBS. We conducted two weeks of Bible School at the mission chapel in July. Enrolled were 55 pupils in 3 classes, taught by local young people. The Gospel Light course "On the Trail with Christ" was used and proved to be very effective.

With the help of several teachers from southern Manitoba, five more town and rural communities in this area were reached through DVBS. Misses Nettie Banman, Louise Doerksen, Hazel Enns, and Edith Wiens each taught for four weeks and reached a total of 80-100 children.

The General Conference Mennonite Church also conducted Bible school in several more schools of this area and reported good attendance in most places.

The seed sown in young hearts will bring forth fruit in due season.

Through house visitation by the teachers, the gospel also penetrated many homes. The Catholic Church (Roman, Ukrainian, and



Miss Ida Toews, who has taught school, 14 years in Canada and one year in Germany.

See report by Miss Toews on "Impressions of Germany", page 3.

Greek Orthodox) has a strong hold on the hearts and minds of the people in this part of Manitoba. Yet the gospel of Christ is still the "Power of God unto salvation." Therefore we continue to "abound in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour is not in vain in the Lord." (I Cor. 15: 58).

C. Alfred Friesen.

50 at DVBS at Namaka

Namaka, Alberta. — Several features marked our Vacation Bible School as unusual. We were unable to arrange the program for early or mid summer but found that the fast-approaching school term did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm for Bible school; in fact, one youngster, in an optional essay prepared for her teacher, declared that DVBS "is the best way in which to spend one's summer holidays." Within the period from August 15 to 24 nine days of instruction were offered. A second unusual feature was that both Mennonite and non-Mennonite children were in attendance. Records show that almost fifty youngsters registered for school.

There were three classes with four teachers for the entire school. The teachers, all of Namaka, were Victor Thiessen, Esther Quiring, Helen Lepp and George Dirks. The

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EDITORIAL

Christian Education - the Parents' Concern!

The Bible places the responsibility for the Christian training of youth primarily upon the parents. Moses, the spokesman for God to His chosen people, charged the parents of his generation with this responsibility, "And these words, which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children . . ." (Deut. 6:6,7) This responsibility is also implicit in the Apostle Paul's words to the Corinthians: ". . . for children ought not to lay up for their parents, but parents for their children" (II Cor. 12:14b). Because of social, economic and cultural changes, only a part of this responsibility can in our present day be properly discharged in the home. Christian schools—high schools, Bible schools and Bible colleges are designed to take a large share of this great task, but the responsibility for training in such an institution still rests upon parents.

1. Parents must provide proper motivation.

Children and even young people, will in many instances, attend the school of their parents' choice. The influence of parents on the decisions of young people who are of college age has often been underestimated. A recent survey conducted by a large interdenominational Bible institute revealed, that more than one-half of the students attending that particular school had been influenced in their choice by the wishes and by the counselling of their parents. The school's publicity program, which had been geared primarily to captivate the interest of young people, was completely revised as a result of this survey. Parents, who always seek the kingdom of God first, and who consistently subordinate material values to the higher spiritual values, will not find it too difficult to direct their son or daughter to a Christian school or college. Although over-insistence by parents in favor of a certain school usually does not have the desired results, much can be accomplished by proper information and wise, sympathetic counselling. It is a grave mistake to leave young people completely without direction and guidance in this matter. On the one hand the young person lacks the broader knowledge and wider experience to make a wise decision in such an important matter; on the other hand, he is subjected to the strong pressure of an educational pattern which excludes the Bible from a central place in its curriculum. Parents must provide proper motivation by patient and persistent "indoctrination" and by prayerful intercession, if their children are to choose educational opportunities "with eternity's values in view."

2. Parents must provide adequate support.

Many young people who have a desire to attend Bible school or Bible college never attend these institutions because of the lack of financial support. The parents' concern for a Christian education for their children can be measured by their willingness to sacrifice. Here parents have an opportunity for the most profitable and the most permanent investment on behalf of their children. Too much is being spent by parents in our present day for the material well-being of their children. Young people are provided with adequate means to attend institutions which prepare them to "make a living." Yet when it concerns the all-important question of preparation "to make a life," little encouragement and support is given. It is simply tragic when Christian parents discourage their sons and daughters from attending a Bible school or Bible college by speaking of such training as "a waste of time" and as "a poor investment" since it will not provide the basis for a higher salary upon graduation.

Paul admonishes parents to lay up treasures for their children, and the only kind of treasures which cannot be taken away are spiritual treasures. Of Mary we read in the gospel, that she had chosen the good part—to learn at the feet of Jesus—and Christ says that this good portion "shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:24). Our Christian high schools, our Bible schools, and the Bible College offer wonderful opportunities for sitting at the feet of Jesus, for the acquisition of spiritual treasures. May we as parents provide the proper motivation and the necessary financial support for our children to attend such schools.

If young people in our Mennonite constituencies today do not get any Christian training, it will be largely the parents'

fault. Where there is no vision for the importance of Bible-centered education, the very foundations of the church and its ministry are threatened. Parents, Christian education is your concern!

Guest editorial by Rev. J. A. Toews

DEVOTIONAL

Christ - the Great Captain on Life's Journey

Matt. 8:23-27

By Rev. Wm. Falk, North Kildonan

From early childhood and youth, the human heart admires great men. Youngsters like to imitate men in authority; they pretend to be commanders, leaders or captains.

May I draw the attention of all, young and old, to the greatest and most glorious Captain, the Lord Jesus Christ as we find Him in our passage of Scripture.

First, we notice that He led His disciples into a ship. We read of Him, "And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him." There was no alternative for them. He placed them there and there they had storm, waves, danger and terror. Do you realize that it is God in Christ, our great Captain, Who placed us on life's sea?

Permit me to remind you that every one of us is on the restless sea of time. Our life's boat is heading toward the shore of eternity. We cannot change this. It is our Captain, our Creator, Who determined the course for us on this voyage.

Moreover, it was Christ, the Captain, Who led them into the deep. The deep caused a hard struggle against a raging tempest; it endangered their boat. But it was in the deep where they learned to know more about Christ their Captain. It was the deep which caused them to exclaim, "What manner of man is this!" It was in the deep where they learned to rely on Him as their Saviour.

Young Christian friends, let us remember that our Captain, Jesus Christ, will take us into the deep again and again, because spiritual shallowness is very dangerous. It was in the deep, where waves and storms endangered the life-boat of Job, that he discovered great things of God. It was in the deep where Jona learned to understand God in His gracious dealings and where he learned the great lesson to call upon God. The Captain of our life's journey leads us into the deep for the purpose of making us steadfast and immovable on the solid rock, Jesus Christ.

As we read our text, we encounter a note of trust and confidence in the disciples' cry to their Captain: "Lord save us, save us in the midst of the waves and roaring storm! Save us in spite of our powerlessness, in spite of the weakness of the boat! Great Master, save us!" This was an expression of confidence and trust in their Master in the dark hour of great need.

The great Captain of our life will lead us into circumstances where

there is no other way out but to rely on Him alone and to cry for mercy and help. "Lord, save us from drifting," should be the earnest cry of every struggling soul. Dear young believer, do you feel yourself drifting from the truth? Is your assurance of salvation slackening? If so, then you are in great need of help and it is urgent for you to cry to your Captain, "Master save me, save me from drifting!" We must cry unitedly, "Lord, great Captain, save us in the time of storm, save us from falling from faith."

In trying times we ask ourselves the question, "Are we drifting spiritually?" As time goes on, are we drifting from Christ instead of drawing closer to Him? Do we lose more and more of the qualities of disciples of Jesus Christ? Have we become less Christ-like in the course of the past years? Have we become colder, narrower and more selfish? Has our freshness, enthusiasm, sweetness, sincerity, devotion, kind disposition and radiant hopefulness given way to harsh, grim and bitter features? Then let us humble ourselves and cry to our Captain: "Lord, save us from spiritual drifting, save us from shipwreck, save us from sinking and renew our lives with Thy grace and peace!"

In this experience of the disciples Jesus performed a miracle, stilling the storm. The waves and the storm obeyed His command and peace and quietness settled on the Sea of Galilee. Christ exercised power and

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B.C. Youth Observes Centennial

By Hilda Janzen

Abbotsford, B.C. — In this centennial year of our M. B. Church, the annual B.C. Youth Conference, held the last weekend in August, chose the fitting theme, "Your Heritage and You." Two Scripture references to guide in the thinking upon this theme were taken from the Psalms: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage," and "Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name." Painted in large mauve letters on the banner was I Cor. 12:31: "A still more excellent way."

Friday evening's service was conducted at the Columbia Bible Camp at Cultus Lake, whereas on Saturday and Sunday the rally was held in the auditorium of the Vincent Massey Junior High School in New Westminster which has a seating capacity of 1400.

Dr. J. A. Loewen, the guest speaker, spoke on such topics as: "What is Our Heritage?", "The Christian and Separation," and "The Church and its Witness." Climaxing the rally was Sunday night's sermon concerning "The Church and Its Outreach or Witness," in which Dr. Loewen reviewed the beginning of our foreign and home mission program. Very enlightening were the speaker's comments on the idea that our ethnic unity has been a point of contention when it comes to ac-

cepting non-Mennonites into our churches. His closing remarks were, "We may retain our ethnic unity and possibly die, but we may die and gain the world. 'Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die it cannot bear fruit.'"

Saturday afternoon the feature item was a panel discussion concerning "Christian Nonresistance in Peacetime." John Redekop was the moderator and the three speakers were Rev. George Konrad, Mr. Wm. Wiebe and Rev. Wm. Neufeld, speaking consecutively on "Biblical Basis of Christian Nonresistance," "How Does Christian Nonresistance Fit into the Brotherhood Idea," and "In Which Way Does a Nonresistant Life Consider the Other Person First."

On Saturday night a cast of 14 presented a two-hour drama, "The Living of These Days," written by Jake Dueck. It was an effort by the Vancouver young people with Abe Koop as director. Act I was set in Russia and dealt with the escape of a Mennonite family from Communism. Acts II and III depicted the life of this family in Canada, forcibly bringing out the fact that material prosperity can endanger genuine Christianity.

Two Moody science films, "Windows of the Soul," and "The Three Mystery Clocks," were shown during intermissions. The total attendance at the 3-day rally was 4,300.

Impressions of Germany

By Miss Ida Toews
North Kildonan, Man.

(Miss Toews has served as teacher in Germany for one school year.)

To go to Germany, not only as a tourist, but to live and work there with routine duties, contacts and experiences was an ambition that I was privileged to realize last year. My duties as assistant in English at the Esslingen "Mädchengymnasium" (grammar school) were challenging but not very heavy. My contacts through the home in which I lived, the very hospitable school staff and the various Mennonite groups I visited, provided a most enjoyable experience.

After a month long tour of England and the continent, I came to Stuttgart, Germany, last August. Touring Europe with a capable and well informed guide, in a congenial group of travellers all in the holiday spirit, is an unforgettable experience. It provided a most suitable beginning to the conditioning process that was to follow. Germany is scenically very beautiful and its customs and history have much of interest.

The system of education in Germany differs from ours in many ways. For the first four years all children attend the same basic

school—"Grundschule." The three "R's" are taught with considerably fewer frills than is the trend here, but the smell of sweeping compound and chalk, the lively children and the preoccupied teachers were very familiar. After basic schooling, parents, with the advice of the teacher, decide which of the possible courses the child is to take. There is the Mittelschule, which has six additional grades with commercial subjects on the curriculum. There is gymnasium, which has nine grades, usually leading to university entrance and a professional career. Or the Pupil may continue in the "Volkshule" for another four or five grades and then go into apprenticeship or take further training in a trade school. The gymnasiums vary, some specializing in languages and fine arts, which will be predominantly for girls, and others offering Mathematic and Science, usually attended by boys. However, some schools are co-educational in the upper forms. Educational standards are high, especially in the gymnasium, which requires an entrance examination.

In my opinion this division of the children is fair enough since all schools are free and open to everyone (Baden-Wuerttemberg), but undemocratic, because the children

are segregated too early in life to form a homogenous society later. A certain class distinction is inevitable. This, of course, is true for all of Europe, not only Germany.

Those not entering Mittelschule or Gymnasium are not necessarily less gifted but may have been at a disadvantage through opportunity or counselling. At the age of ten a child is too young to decide on its profession or occupation and the choice is therefore largely that of the parents and tradition. Changing from one type of school to another is possible but presents difficulties. A distinct advantage of this system is that each school may specialize in its field and train its students toward a specific occupation or profession.

At the Maedchengymnasium in Esslingen, modern languages made up an important part of the curriculum. Top classes took German, English, French and Latin as well as the usual other subjects. The students work very hard, with classes from 7:30 in the morning until about 12:30, including Saturday. Afternoons are spent in doing homework. Music standards are high with school instruction in woodwind and string instruments. The school orchestra presented some very fine concerts during the year. Graduation exercises were very simple, too simple I thought. After 13 years of hard work the "Abitur" is quite an achievement and I would grant them a little more glory.

English is a very popular subject, and I found the girls very interested in all things which are American. They enjoyed singing Canadian and American folk songs, including Negro spirituals. When we read "The Red River Voyageur" in one class and I showed them a picture of St. Boniface Basilica by way of illustration, their interesting comment was: "Very nice, a Romanesque church." I must confess I had never thought of it in terms of style myself. Living as they do in a centuries old town, the awareness of art and architecture comes very naturally.

I found the girls well-mannered and courteous, amusingly natural and uninhibited at times but generally very much like teenagers everywhere.

An important subject taught in all schools is Gemeinschaftskunde, which is approximately the same as Citizenship. The schools are making a concentrated and sincere effort to train the thinking of their students along democratic lines and to undo the damage of the Third Reich. This is not always easy for the teachers for it involves answering the inevitable question: "Wie konnte es dazu kommen?"

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"Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good."

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To choose your time is to save time.

Youth Convention at Arnes

Arnes, Man. — On the weekend of August 20, a group of Manitoba young people, numbering 120 on Sunday morning, met for a convention at Arnes. It was an opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and have fellowship with other young believers for two very enjoyable days. There was ample time for recreation in swimming, boating, volley ball, shuffleboard, box hockey, badminton and ping pong. After the evening service on Saturday, we gathered around the glowing embers of a bon-fire to roast our wieners. The opportunity of chatting with new acquaintances and friends, afforded by this informal gathering, was refreshing.

However, enjoyable as the above-mentioned aspects of camp were, the most valuable aspect was the spiritual re-orientation we received here. This convention was dedicated to the task of challenging young people to discipleship of Jesus Christ and warning them of the danger of slipping into nominal Christianity.

Brother Jake Dueck, camp director, and Brother John Friesen were the speakers at the convention. Using Phil. 2:5-8 as basis and the life of Jesus Christ as shown in the Scriptures, Brother Dueck talked to us about the mind of Christ concerning the body, the will and the mind. Many of us were shocked as we noticed discrepancies between the mind of Christ and our own in these areas. We were made aware of the fact that our minds are often influenced and moulded by the standards of the world instead of the standards of our Lord. Brother Dueck further talked about Christ's mind concerning material things. Again we found that we often use criteria other than those of our Lord in determining what we can afford. Christ deprived Himself of things He could well afford here on earth in order to fulfill His mission. It was emphasized that we, as disciples, cannot afford luxuries, even if the Lord has given us the means, as long as there is a need of spreading the gospel.

Brother Friesen further challenged us through the biographies of proven disciples. We were shown that Christianity is not merely a set of doctrines to which one gives intellectual assent, but rather a life of obedient discipleship to the person of Jesus Christ. This discipleship involves costs.

This convention was truly a time of spiritual stock-taking and re-dedication of lives as was evidenced in the prayers and testimonies of the campers. As we left the convention the theme song of the camp, "May the Mind of Christ My Saviour Live In Me from Day to Day," very aptly expressed our desire and prayer.

John Martens

Sod-Turning for New Church



Rev. D. B. Wiens turns the first sod at the corner of Wellington and Gilpen, Burnaby, Vancouver, where the new church is to be erected.



Rev. D. B. Wiens, our pastor, speaks to the assembled church. The choir is seen on the left. Other members were present. The temperature was above 90 degrees.

The Vancouver M. B. Church (43rd and Prince Edward) has ventured out to build another church. The sod turning ceremony took place on August 7 at 3 p.m. It was very well attended despite the intense heat of the day. Rev. D. B. Wiens, our pastor, served with a brief message based on I Cor. 3: 11-15. Dedication prayers were offered by Bro. Geo. Letkeman, and Rev. Henry Classen, city missionary. The choir under the direction of Bro. Bill Klassen sang "Praise ye the Lord" and "Die Sach' ist Dein, Herr Jesu Christ." A spirit of gratitude was felt throughout

the ceremony. Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of Fraserview M. B. Church, Vancouver, led in the closing prayer.

Of Interest

Sister Susie Brucks gave a report on the departure of the missionaries from the Congo, in the evening of August 10. This was followed up with slides.

Rev. G. B. Giesbrecht, South America, who is at present visiting churches in Canada, was our guest speaker at the morning service of August 14.

Bro. James Cornelson of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, served us Sunday morning, August 21, with a very challenging message based on Neh. 1. Brother and sister Cornelson with their family have been serving the Lord in an orphanage in Pusan, Korea, since September 1955. Our hearts were touched as Mr. Cornelson vividly pictured the great affliction of the 50,000 orphan children there. "Who is willing to go, or give, or pray, that these little ones might be herded into the outstretched arms of our gracious Saviour?" This question he left with us to answer.

On Tuesday all was quiet and the doors were closed, but not so on Wednesday, when the Prayer and Bible study group met upstairs and the young people in the lower auditorium.

Thursday night was choir practice.

About six o'clock Friday evening the young people assembled again and started on their trip to Chesley Lake for the weekend Youth Retreat. God held His protecting hand over the group.

Saturday evening the church doors again stood open for the Young Married Fellowship meeting.

The church doors never tire of opening to receive all who will enter. Do we tire of entering them? Are our motives as we enter them always true and pure? We unite with David in saying: "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee" (Ps. 84: 4).

Dwelling Near the House of the Lord

By Martha Janzen

Vineland, Ont. — The Lord has done great things for us as a family, whereof we are glad. To Him be the praise and honour! On August 13 we were able to move from our farm home on the busy No. 8 Highway, to a quiet residential street in Vineland, across from our new church. In this connection many verses from David's psalms come to my mind, especially those referring to his love of God's house. With a slight change I could make Ps. 27:4 my own personal prayer: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell (near) the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."

We find living near the church very interesting. We love to look out at the building itself, for it always reminds us of God's goodness

to us; it reminds us of our many prayers and of the way in which He has answered. We also find it interesting to observe the active church life. During the course of a typical week we find the church doors open almost every evening. Let us take last week as an example, beginning with Sunday afternoon. Soon after lunch a group of young people gathered to practice some songs before going to Bethesda to sing for the patients. In the evening an interesting Christian Endeavour program was presented. A visiting minister, Rev. H. Kornelsen, Coaldale, gave us an enlightening talk on events connected with the Lord's coming.

Monday evening several cars were again parked on the church yard. After a while the eight or nine ladies left—perhaps a singing or sewing group. The light in the pastor's study room, however, remained on for a long time. How valuable is a quiet secluded room!

Two Added to Our Fellowship Group

Carman, Man. — The local congregation was richly blessed on Sunday afternoon, August 28, at a baptismal service when Timothy Klippenstein of Homewood entered the waters of baptism upon confession of faith to which he had testified the previous Friday.

Rev. Joe Wiebe of Morden was guest speaker for the occasion. He chose Matthew 3:13-17 for his text. He stated that as Jesus was baptized, born again believers should voluntarily follow Him. Baptism is a testimony to the world that we are not tied to this earth, but that we are heaven-bound and shall forever be with the Lord. It is an act of humility which shows that we are submitted to God and identify ourselves with His people. As God honored and acknowledged our Lord's baptism by the giving of the Holy Spirit, so He will honor His followers with His triune presence. Although Satan will endeavor to discourage the believer and seek to lead him astray with various temptations, the Christian can inwardly rejoice knowing that as he continues to look unto Jesus, "the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Following the baptismal act, conducted by Rev. A. Quiring, our pastor, the congregation assembled at the church, where Timothy was received into the local fellowship of believers.

Also accepted into the church by transfer of membership was Mrs. Frank Wiebe of Graysville, Man.

Pastor Ordained at New Westminster

Pastor Abe Neufeld, of the New Westminster Mennonite Church, was ordained to the ministry on August 21, 1960. A number of ministers from the Fraser valley, as well as friends and relatives, attended the ordination service.

After a few opening remarks by Dave Oblander, leader of the church, Albert Nickel, of Chilliwack Mission brought a message. He spoke on I Tim. 1:16, emphasizing that the minister must be a pattern in the church, and that the congregation must be willing to copy this pattern.

Elder N. N. Friesen, Aldergrove, spoke on the text, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision," (Acts 26:19) and performed the ordination ceremony.

Visiting ministers were then given an opportunity to express themselves. The newly ordained minister also gave a brief testimony, emphasizing that a minister must be "sent from God" and must "bear witness of the Light" (John 1:6,7). After the service a fellowship lunch was served in the church basement.

The Cause of Foreign Missions

The week of August 22 was one of important deliberations affecting the foreign missions ministry. On August 22 and 23 the following Congo missionaries met with the administrative secretariat to review the approach and procedure in the re-implementation of the missionary program in the Congo which has been so seriously interrupted through the political upheaval: Irvin L. Friesen (Dinuba, California), John B. Kliever (Bakersfield, California), Arnold Prieb (Inman, Kansas), E. W. Schmidt (Saskatoon, Sask.), and Vernon W. Vogt (Paxton, Nebr.). The consultation clearly established that the future missionary program of the Congo will need to undergo some basic changes for which preparations had already been made before the recent upheaval. Together the secretariat and missionaries worked on a plan which was submitted to the Board of Foreign Missions to cover the areas of principles, program and personnel for the immediate future.

On August 23 the Board of Foreign Missions administrative secretariat and members of the K.M.B. Foreign Missions Committee met to plan the details of the proposed merger of the M.B. and K.M.B. foreign missions interests. The following K.M.B. brethren were present for that meeting as well as for sessions of the Board of Foreign Missions which followed: J. J. Kleinsasser, Bridgewater, South Dakota; Aaron H. Willems, Conway, Kansas; A. K. Warkentin, Dinuba, Calif.; George L. Classen, Hillsboro; Rueben Dirks, Huron, S. Dakota; Arnold Ensz, Inman, Kan.; C. F. Plett, Donald S. Dakota.

The Board of Foreign Missions began its meeting on August 24. Major considerations included the future of the work in Congo, the expansion of the work in Latin America, preparation of recommendations for the General Conference and preparation of the budget for 1961. A report of the Board meeting will be made in the next issue.

The Lawrence Warkentins (Alexander, Manitoba) have arrived in Austria and are entering into the work in Wels. Enroute they stopped at Basel and Bern in Switzerland, at Neuwied and Neustadt in Germany and Linz in Austria. They report that the Lord is undertaking and blessing and pray that He will grant them an open door into the hearts of all those with whom they fellowship.

Six new missionaries to Latin America were scheduled to arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica, on August 25 to begin several months of Spanish language study in the Spanish Language School. They are: Herman Bullers and daughters Linda, Carol and Joyce of Fresno, Calif.; Eugene Janzens and daughters Lynette and Susan of Fairview, Okla.;

Ann Klassen (Marquette, Man.); and Elsie Kroeker (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.). With the exception of the Jenzens, the photographs of the other missionaries have been presented to the constituency. The Bullers will spend only three months in Costa Rica since they have worked in the Spanish language previously in Uruguay. The other missionaries will spend six to nine months in Costa Rica.

The Bullers are to take up evangelism and church work in Colombia. Let us pray that the Lord will provide visas for the Buller family to enter Colombia.

Sister Klassen is to proceed to Paraguay to enter the medical program among the Indians in the Chaco. It is hoped that a systematic nurses' training can be started among the Indian people to prepare medical aids from among the ranks of their many young people. Such persons could serve the Indians in their numerous ailments as well as in teaching them habits of sanitation and care of infants and bodily care as a whole. The medical avenue is also the means by which these people can in many cases be approached with spiritual help.

Sister Kroeker is to serve as nurse in the Rimmer Memorial Hospital, Quito, Ecuador, and assist our personnel in the work of the HCJB German department.

Brother and Sister Walter Pastre are now located in Campinas, Brazil, for language study. During the following weeks they will be given special instruction in the Portuguese language, and then beginning with the opening of the fall term they will join the regular classes. Since both of them are well versed in the Spanish language, they do not find the Portuguese language difficult. Brother Pastre also has numerous opportunities to preach the Gospel at that place.

Brother and Sister John J. Klassen (Fresno, Calif.) are finishing their Portuguese language study and will then proceed to Curitiba where the Brazil Bible school buildings are now in the process of construction. The Bible school which is to bear the name of "Bible Institute of Parana" is to open its doors in January 1961. Much prayer is needed for this new venture which is to train national workers to enter the great opportunity of evangelism in Brazil.

A letter from Brother Lim Khi Thin, Indonesia, dated August 3, contains the following important news: The son of Brother Lim Khi Thin studying at Malang Bible College is not very well, but is pursuing his Bible studies energetically. In September he will enter upon his junior year with the hope of being graduated in two years. The doctor has pronounced his illness as being the first stages of consumption. Brother Lim Khi Thin

also writes that apparently his two sons-in-law and their families will need to return to Red China because of the movement in Indonesia to have the Chinese people leave those islands. He states that many of the Chinese Christians of Genteng and Rogodjampi are leaving for the continent of China. Much prayer is needed in behalf of these Chinese Christians who settled in Indonesia when Communism moved into South China during the 1920's.

Brother M. B. John, enroute from India to the centennial conference, wrote from Manila in the Philippines on August 19. He indicates he is looking forward with great anticipation to meet the people of the Mennonite Brethren Churches of America, to see again some of the India missionaries who have labored on that field for many years, and to the opportunity of studying at the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno. The Lord willing, he will arrive in Los Angeles around September 8. Brother John is the official delegate of the India Mennonite Brethren Church to the centennial conference in November.

India missionaries Anne L. Ediger (Winnipeg), Viola Janz (Herbert, Sask.), and Henry P. Poetkers (Hepburn, Sask.), have arrived safely at Hughestown. This means they are in the midst of our other missionaries in the India field. May the Lord grant them much joy to enter into the service. Miss Ediger and the Poetkers are beginning their second term of service while Sister Janz is new. She will soon begin her language study and then after a year or two enter into active work.

A thorough examination of the medical work on the India field was recently made by A. M. Clark representing the Christian Medical Association of India. She sent in a written analysis and report of her visit which is not only very interesting, but also valuable in the light of making future plans for our India medical ministry. The report gives highest recognition to our medical work and medical workers in India and also emphasizes especially the spiritual outreach that our workers are making through the medical ministry. The report also makes recommendations on the manner in which our medical work might be strengthened in the future and placed on a still more indigenous basis. The great problem in India is to find national doctors and nurses who qualify for medical work. Pray that the Lord may bless our training program to be pursued at the Jadcherla medical center so that in the course of years a good number of trained medical national workers will be forthcoming.

"Some people are easily entertained. All you have to do is sit down and listen to them."

European M. B. Conference Radio Program

By H. H. Janzen

(Translated from the German)

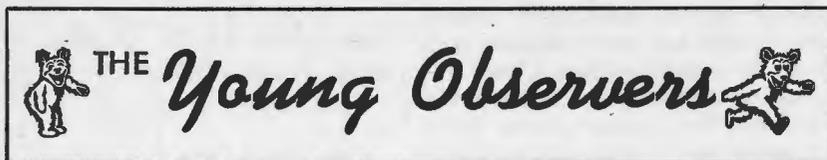
For some time there has been much prayer that the Lord would make it possible for our church in Europe to have its own radio program. Early in our work we recognized that to have an effective and successful gospel ministry, we need our own radio program. In this way it would be possible to reach the many people outside of Christ and thus extend our witness for the gospel as the Mennonite Brethren understand it.

It appeared that there were no open doors. Available time was always quickly taken. It has been my privilege to serve on a German gospel program over Luxembourg radio station sponsored by the Mennonite Hour of Harrisonburg, Virginia. For a year I have ministered on this program and will likely continue to do so.

During July my family and I visited Luxembourg. While stopping in the city of Luxembourg, I called at the headquarters of the radio station and inquired about available time, 15 minutes each week. I was given the impression that there might be a possibility, but the manager was away and so I was promised an answer by mail. On August 16 I received a telegram in response to a letter I wrote, indicating that we could shortly have 15 minutes between 6:45 and 7 p.m. each Friday. We were informed that 52 Fridays were being reserved for us and were asked whether we wished to accept this offer.

On August 17, the brethren Cornelius Balzer, G. H. Jantzen, H. H. Janzen, Abe Neufeld and J. W. Vogt had a meeting in Karlsruhe, Germany. At this meeting we decided to accept this offer since the Board of Foreign Missions had previously approved a conference radio program for Europe. We agreed on the following: The name of the broadcast shall be "Quelle des Lebens Radio-Programm der Mennonitischen Brudergemeinde in Europa" ("Springs of Living Water, Radio Program of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Europe"). The central office of the broadcast is to be in Neuwied. The technical work is to be done by Brother Corny Balzer, who is also to be responsible for the music. Correspondence in the interests of the broadcast will be done by Sister Balzer. Letters and inquiries from listeners will be directed to Basel, where they will be handled by Brother H. H. Janzen. The speaker will be Brother Janzen.

The first program is to be broadcast on September 16. This means that we will need to work diligently to be prepared. We thank the Lord for this blessing and for answering our prayers. Please pray with us that this ministry may prove to be a great blessing to the listeners.



Dear Girls and Boys,

"Your heavenly Father feedeth them" (Matt. 6:26).

During this lovely autumn weather the farmers are busy harvesting the crop. Maybe the boys and girls living in the fruit belts of Canada know all about picking and packing apples. In the Prairie Provinces we don't know much about fruit orchards or spraying, but we all enjoy seeing swathing and combining in action. It is God's wonderful way of providing food for all. And the boys don't only enjoy watching, they enjoy driving on the tractor.

The Israelites did not have fields of grain nor orchards of fruit as they wandered through the wilderness. Their leader, Moses, had a hard time providing enough water and food for so many people. Then God spoke from a cloud: "Tell my people they will have plenty to eat. In the evening there shall be meat for them. In the morning there will be bread. I am the Lord your God."

The people waited to see what would happen. In the evening many birds, called quail, began to fly near them. Closer and closer they came. These quail were good to eat. "God has sent us meat," cried the people. The Israelites were glad to have a fine meal that evening. God had sent them meat. They wondered how He would send bread to them.

Early next day, the people hurried from their tents. They looked all about them. The ground was heavy with dew. As the sun rose higher in the sky, the dew on the ground dried. There lay many, many small round pieces of food. The people gathered the small pieces. They tasted them. How good they were! They were like little round cakes made from honey. This was the bread God had promised. The people called it manna.

God fed his chosen people with quail and manna. Today He feeds us with grain and meat and fruit and vegetables raised in the various parts of the country. "Your heavenly Father feedeth them."

"Thank you for the food, thank you for the day,
Thanks for all things good, to you, dear Lord, I pray.

Love, Aunt Helen.

The Best Argument

"Why doesn't each of you try to bring someone new to Sunday school next Sunday? We need more boys and girls to share God's Word with us," said Miss Bates, the teacher of the class.

Andy Overton looked around the room and nodded. It would be nice to have a larger class. Today there were only six.

On the way home from meeting, Andy wondered whom he could invite to go with him next Sunday. Then he thought of Mike White. But Andy was sure Mike wouldn't go. Mike was a tough-talking boy. He would probably only laugh at an invitation to attend Sunday school.

It turned out that Andy was right. When he invited Mike to go with him the following Sunday, Mike laughed and said, "Do you think I have rocks in my head? I like to sleep late on Sunday, because the rest of the week I have to get up early to go to school."

"But Mike," said Andy, "it is as important to go to Sunday school as it is to go to regular school. In fact, it is even more important."

"Why?"

"Because at Sunday school we study the Bible and learn about God and Jesus," Andy explained.

"And how is that going to help me?" Mike wanted to know.

"Well, for one thing it will help make you a better Christian," began Andy.

But he got no further. Mike interrupted him, "I don't want to hear any more about it, because I'm not going. Besides, I don't believe all that about making you better."

When Andy tried to explain, Mike walked away from him.

Andy left down-hearted. He had failed all the way with Mike. There just didn't seem to be any way to reach Mike since he wouldn't let Andy talk to him.

However, Andy did try again. In fact, he tried several times. But each time Mike would say, "I don't want to hear any more about Sunday school, Andy."

Then one day, after school, Andy discovered he had a flat tire on his bicycle. He had to walk home pushing his bike.

Andy had not gone very far when he met Mike, who was also walking home. Mike said, "Andy, why don't you stop at the bicycle shop down on the corner to get your bike fixed?"

"I can't," said Andy. "I haven't any money. My allowance isn't due

for three more days. I guess I'll just walk for the next three days."

"Too bad," said Mike sympathetically. "Sure is bad when a person's allowance runs out before the end of the week."

It was at that very moment that Andy looked down and saw a little worn billfold lying in the street. He stopped and picked it up.

"What did you find, Andy?" asked Mike looking over Andy's shoulder.

"It's a billfold," replied Andy.

"Any money in it?" Mike asked.

Andy looked. He pulled a ten-dollar bill and two ones out of the billfold.

Mike whistled. "Now you are rich, Andy!" he cried. "You can get your bike fixed."

But Andy had found something else, too. It was an identification card with the name of a Mrs. John Perry at 180 Pine Street. Why that was just three blocks away! He would have to take the billfold to Mrs. Perry right away.

But just then another thought came to Andy. It would be wonderful if he could keep the money. There was enough to get his bike fixed, and he might even get that fancy flashlight he had been admiring in the hardware store window.

Andy was so deep in thought, Mike had to shake him. "Andy, didn't you hear me?" cried Mike. "I said you had enough to fix your bike and some left over."

"I can't keep the money," said Andy. "But I also found this identification. The billfold belongs to Mrs. Perry at 180 Pine Street, I must take it to her."

"How would she ever know you found it?" asked Mike.

"But I will know," said Andy. "I must take it back to her because of something I learned in Sunday school."

"Now what could you have learned in Sunday school that says you must take Mrs. Perry's billfold back to her?" asked Mike in surprise.

"It is the commandment that says, 'Thou shalt not steal,'" said Andy.

There was a look of exasperation on Mike's face as he declared, "Andy, you are just about the most stubborn person I know. You didn't steal that billfold. You found it in the street."

"True. But I know to whom the billfold belongs, and if I kept it, that would be stealing."

"When are you going to return the billfold?" asked Mike giving Andy a keen look.

"As soon as I take my bike home," said Andy.

"I want to come with you."

Andy looked at Mike in surprise, and saw the look of suspicion in Mike's eyes. Mike didn't believe that he would really return the money.

"All right, Mike, come with me," said Andy.

After Andy had taken his bike

home he and Mike walked to 180 Pine Street. They found a large apartment house. Andy rang the bell under the name "Perry." At the end of the hall a door opened and an old lady came out. She looked surprised when she saw the two boys. "I am Mrs. Perry," she said. "Did you boys wish to see me?"

"Yes," said Andy. "I think we found something you lost."

A look of hope flashed into Mrs. Perry's eyes as she led the boys into a very small living room, where an old man sat in a wheel-chair.

"Did you find my billfold?" she asked hesitantly. "I lost it today while shopping."

"Yes, Mrs. Perry. Here it is," said Andy, handing the billfold to her.

"Oh, thank you, thank you, and God bless you!" cried Mrs. Perry as she pulled the ten-dollar bill and the two ones out of the billfold.

"This is all the money we have in the world until Mr. Perry's pension cheque arrives next week. We were both so worried. We didn't know how we would make out."

Then the old man in the wheel chair said, "The boys must surely get a reward for their honesty. Why not give them the two one-dollar bills, Mother?"

"Yes, of course," said Mrs. Perry holding out the bills. "I want you boys to have this money."

But Andy could see how badly the old couple needed the money. What if his bicycle did stay unfixed a few more days? He was young and could walk. But Mr. and Mrs. Perry were no longer young. They needed the few comforts their little money would buy.

So Andy said, "No, thank you, Mrs. Perry. I don't want a reward. I am glad I was able to return your billfold and money to you."

When Mrs. Perry offered the money to Mike, he hesitated a moment. "No, thank you, Mrs. Perry," he said. "I don't want a reward either. Besides, it was really Andy who found your billfold."

When Andy and Mike left the apartment, they left two very happy old people. The Perrys would always remember the kindness and consideration of these two boys.

Out on the sidewalk, Mike said, "Andy, is that invitation still good?"

"What invitation?" asked Andy. He wasn't quite sure he had heard correctly.

"About going to Sunday school. I'd like to go with you next Sunday," said Mike.

"Of course the invitation is still good," said Andy. Then he couldn't help asking, "Mike, what made you change your mind?"

"Well, for one thing, I didn't think you'd practice what you preached. But I found out differently today when you returned that billfold and wouldn't even take a reward. I'm sure I couldn't have been so honest. But I know that it was the right thing to do." He

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Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(2nd Installment)

"There you are, Nance!" he announced, with a grin. "How's that?"

"Just in time!" said the girl, breathlessly, as she scrambled out of the car without waiting for his assistance. "I hope we can find a seat—"

The tall, handsome young fellow smiled as he took her arm. "I think we will," he said easily.

But the steward at the door shook his head rather doubtfully as they greeted him in the porch. "I'll have to take you right down to the front, I'm afraid," he whispered, almost apologetically. "It's a 'full house' this morning."

So Nancy and Trevor had no alternative but to follow him down the aisle to one of the few vacant places in the front of the building, and the crowded congregation inclined their heads a little to glance at the young couple, for Nancy and Trevor made an impressive pair. He was a full head taller than she, well-built, with an athletic swing in his step and the healthy tan of one who enjoyed the out-of-doors. His keen grey eyes were frank and smiling, his clear well-cut features showed intelligence and refinement, and his well-groomed appearance and somewhat gallant bearing made him easily the most popular of all the young men at Southdown Grove—among the girls, anyway! But of all to whom he could have turned his attentions, none could have made him a more suitable-looking companion than smart and smiling Nancy Norwood.

But neither of them felt quite so self-assured as usual as they settled themselves down in the front pew. They had always sat well towards the back of the building, and things looked different, somehow, from their new vantage point so close to the pulpit. Still, it was really an advantage this morning, they consoled themselves—they would at least have a good look at the new minister!

Pastor Maxwell Brandon was the centre of all eyes from the moment he appeared before his large congregation. He must have been aware of it, but he seemed perfectly composed as he faced them. He looked a man in his early forties. His hair was beginning to recede at the temples, and his face wore a solemn expression that was softened somewhat by an indefinable something that seemed to make him a man set apart. When he spoke his voice was quiet but compelling, and his eyes seemed to burn with a deep, intense fire....

"Now, of course, my dear friends," he began, when the official words of welcome had been said, "you will all be wondering just

what the new minister will be like—whether he will be a good speaker or a poor speaker—whether you will like him, or whether you won't." His frankness seemed to ease the tension, and his friendly smile evoked a quick response.

"Well, some of you are going to be disappointed, I'm afraid," he went on, "if you are expecting to hear something new—something really modern and up-to-date—for I haven't anything new to say. My message is as old as this Book." And he held up his Bible for all to see.

An inarticulate murmur seemed to ripple through the crowded congregation. What kind of minister was this they had called to the church at Southdown Grove? After all, this church had a certain position and prestige to maintain in the district. It had always prided itself on being up-to-the-minute in its organization and equipment—and its ministers had always been men of letters who could discourse on the problems of the day with ease and eloquence. Who was this practically unknown preacher who had come to them from some obscure country district—highly recommended, it was true, but boasting now of his "old-fashioned" message? The Southdown Grove church waited expectantly....

"My text this morning," Maxwell Brandon continued, "is taken from the words of our Lord as recorded for us in the seventh chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel—'Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.'"

He paused, while the words he had read resounded through the crowded church, and the soft light filtering through the coloured glass windows lent and added solemnity to the gathering.

"'Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it,'" he repeated, slowly, his earnest eyes travelling over the sea of unfamiliar faces before him. "That, friends, is my text—the text of my first sermon to the church at Southdown Grove."

Very deliberately he stepped out of the elaborately carved pulpit and stood in full view of his congregation. A few eyebrows were raised in surprise. Where was the dignity so dear to the Southdown Grove church? Was it to be a thing of the past—?

"'Strait is the gate,'" the new minister went on. "'Strait' is an old-fashioned word, isn't it? We don't often hear it used in this

sense today. And the message I want to bring you this morning is one that we don't hear too often these days—not as often as we should, for the world needs to be brought face to face with the ugly fact of sin and the glorious Gift of the Saviour."

The congregation stiffened. These words sounded strange in their ears....

"You know what 'strait' means, I suppose?" Was he serious as he put the question? "It means narrow-difficult. A 'strait' is a narrow pass in a mountain, or a narrow strip in the ocean between two portions of land." Again he paused. "And the gate that stands between eternal life and eternal death—the gate that stands between your sins and the Saviour—the gate through which you must pass in order to enter into life, is strait and narrow. And I wonder, as I stand before you now, have you passed through that gate? Have you found it?"

The question was simple, direct, and he paused almost as if he expected an answer.

And what was passing through the minds of his congregation as they listened? Trevor Warne, for one, shuffled restlessly in his seat; but Nancy did not move. Somehow she felt that the new Pastor's eyes were looking directly at her....

"The strait and narrow gate leads to life—life eternal—" he was saying.... "It is a gate upon which falls the shadow of a Cross—the Cross of Calvary. It is a gate that is stained with Blood—the precious Blood of the Son of God Who 'loved us and gave Himself for us'. It is a gate that stands ever open, held open by the nail-pierced Hand of the Saviour—held open for you."

Nancy felt the colour creep into her cheeks. Was it imagination—or was he really looking at her? She wasn't going to like this new minister, she told herself, if he made her feel like this.... Yet she found herself listening intently to all he said, dwelling on every word.

"And once you have passed through that gate, that is not the end. It is only the beginning—the beginning of the new life which is lived by faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The path leads on—ever onward and upward to the heights of the Eternal, to the abundant life that God has designed for every born-again child of His, to the fullness of joy and peace and blessing that is found in Jesus Christ alone—"

And as she listened, something stirred in Nancy Norwood's heart—something that made her dissatisfied with the life she had been living as a church member and a professing Christian, something that called her on to deeper, fuller, higher things.... Something—or was it Somebody? Perhaps it was not the voice of the minister that she heard, but the Voice that has never ceased to plead with human hearts in every age and generation—the voice of the One Who is able

to say, 'I have redeemed thee: thou art Mine.'

The sermon came to an end, and mechanically she rose with the congregation for the closing hymn. She heard the benediction pronounced as from a long way off, and then suddenly Trevor's voice at her side broke the spell.

"My!" he exclaimed, stifling a yawn, "he's long-winded, isn't he?"

The criticism seemed to jar, and Nancy swung round on her companion quickly. "What makes you say that, Trevor?" she asked, in surprise.

Trevor laughed. "Well, I timed him—he spoke for thirty-five minutes!"

"Did he?" Nancy did not seem impressed by this careful calculation of the length of the sermon that had moved her so deeply. "Well, to be perfectly honest, Trevor—I didn't notice."

The young fellow stared at her blankly. "You didn't notice?" he echoed. "Why, Nancy—what's wrong with you?" His laughing grey eyes seemed to be 'mocking her, and she looked away.

"I—I don't know," she said, uncertainly, as they joined the stream of people filing slowly out along the crowded aisles.

CHAPTER II

Family Reactions

When the last few loitering worshippers had finally moved away from the church, Maxwell Brandon, feeling a certain sense of relief, turned his steps slowly in the direction of the Manse.

It had been a strain, this first meeting with his new congregation; but it was over now, and for better or for worse they had gathered their first impressions of their new minister. And he had gathered some impressions, too—impressions that, with his experience of nearly twenty years in the Christian ministry, would almost certainly prove correct, for Maxwell Brandon had a keen intuition which enabled him to sum up people almost at a glance.

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The Best Argument

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paused, then went on: "I've never seen two happier people than Mr. and Mrs. Perry. I want to learn how to do the right thing and make people happy, too. If going to Sunday school and church will help me, I want to go."

Andy gave Mike's arm a friendly squeeze. He was too happy to speak. Bringing Mike to Sunday school with him would be a bigger reward than any amount of money Mrs. Perry could have given him.

Andy was grateful for what he had learned that day—that, for a Christian, actions always speak louder than words.

Rosalie W. Doss

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

Congo Developments

Return to Kikwit

The Brethren Henry Brucks and Bob Kroeker were able to fly from Leopoldville to Kikwit on August 10. Thus they arrived exactly a month after the Brucks family had fled Kikwit when the upheaval began in July. They were very grateful for the grace of the Lord which enabled them to be back after a month of disturbances and wanderings. Following are experiences and observations as taken from a letter from Brother Brucks:

When we stepped off the plane, we were met by Moroccan soldiers who are on guard here. Some of the African people we met were very friendly and greeted us with joy. Coming into the city, we noticed that the place was more or less empty. Practically all the stores and business concerns were closed. Very few white people, only two or three white women, no children.

When we arrived at our mission place in Kikwit, we found our Congo brother Paul Nyanga cleaning up around the yard. When he saw us, he didn't have words. Another Congo brother, Eraston Kibwila, arrived shortly thereafter. We put everything aside to have prayer with the brethren to thank God for His leading. The brethren reported to us how the rest of the missionaries had been taken out of the area by American helicopter and plane. The day the Belgian paratroopers came down, the people had fled in panic. Many a story could be related of what happened during this time.

Contact With Kafumba

Our desire was to get into contact with Kafumba which is 38 miles from Kikwit. The commander of the United Nations forces was at first a bit reluctant to grant us permission. He told us to come back when we were ready to go to Kafumba. Delayed by vehicle trouble and occupied with much accumulated work in our Kikwit center, we decided that Brother Kroeker should go to Kafumba to get the leaders of Kikwit and Brother Brucks remain in the city to work. He left Friday afternoon and was back with the group by evening. We had very warm and brotherly discussions with the leading brethren from this station as we talked over the past and future with them on Friday evening and Saturday morning. When the time came for separation, there were tears and shiny eyes in many of the brethren.

Status of Our Congo Churches and Work

It does not seem that this time of testing has been too serious for most of our African churches, yet the results in most cases seem positive. We feel that spiritual

things have become more valuable to the spiritual and that those who put their eyes on the material things have given vent to those aspirations and therein manifested their immaturity.

The church leaders have gained new impressions of their responsibilities. From the northern stations with which we came into contact, we received the impression that the Congolese brethren were putting themselves to the task of getting the work going. The church work was being continued. Plans are being made for the school work. The medical work was also being carried on as the Congolese were able, yet with the manifest blessings of the Lord.

Encouragement and Challenge

From the impressions we have received, then we can be assured that the Word sown by the labor of the missionaries and watered by the prayers of God's people is bearing fruit. We praise the Lord for this. May this be an encouragement to the many praying people at home. On the other hand, if ever prayer had its place, it is today. Pray for the Congolese church, Christians and people. God is able to make grace abound.

What of the Future?

The Congo is in a fluid condition and the situation far from settled. Today (August 16) white people on the boulevard in Leopoldville were stopped and searched.

After checking with various United Nations, governmental officials and local people in Leopoldville and Kikwit, we receive the impression that for the present it is not time to begin the work again. There is too much instability and insecurity. Our Congolese brethren told us: "We would think it better if you would stay there (in Leopoldville) where we can be at ease about your safety. We would like to have you here; we need help and want the missionaries back, but the time has not yet come."

Immediate Plans

For the present the men missionaries in Leopoldville — Henry Brucks and Bob Kroeker—plan to make trips to the field from time to time to aid the church and promote the work as possible. George Faul has consented to teach the missionary children. These missionary families are living in the quarters of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Harold Fehderaus have transferred to Brazzaville in former French Equatorial Africa to continue their linguistic work.

It is the plan of the Board of Foreign Missions that several men missionaries return to Congo soon to serve in such specialized areas as the church, education and med-

icine. Responsibility for the work should be carried by the Congolese brethren as much as possible, and our missionary brethren would travel from place to place as counselors to the church and educational program.

Plans for the return of men missionaries are as follows: Doctors E. W. Schmidt and Vernon W. Vogt are to leave from Wichita on September 21. Arnold Prieb from the States and Henry Derksen and Orville Wiebe from Europe are to return as soon as possible. These brethren are to return without their families as it is not advisable to have additional women and children in the Congo at present with its unsettled condition. Pray for these families as they separate to serve the cause of Christ. May they experience special grace from the Lord as they make this sacrifice.

Brethren Schmidt and Vogt are to serve in government hospitals in Gungu and Kikwit. Congo is eager to have medical doctors and has assured it would provide safety, housing and transportation in connection with their work. It is felt this is a good opportunity to render a Christian service and to establish a point of contact with our work in Congo.

The services of the other brethren in Congo are projected as follows: Prieb, to assist in the over-all church program; Kroeker, to work with the Bible school program at Kafumba; Derksen and Wiebe, with the educational program (the government has indicated it would continue to subsidize the educational work until the end of 1960); Brucks, the legal work.

Pray that these brethren may experience the Lord's protection in their travels and that they will be able to serve the church and the cause of Christ in Congo.

Board of Foreign Missions Office

M. B. Board of General Welfare

The yearly conference of ministers and deacons of the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Paraguay was held in Fernheim July 30 and 31. The Mennonite Brethren Churches of Fernheim, Friesland, Neuland and Volendam were represented.

Regular plane flights are being made between Asuncion and Fernheim in Paraguay on Tuesday, and Friday of each week.

A team of Mennonite men from Paraguay is to begin reconstruction work in earthquake-devastated areas in Chile in September. The team is to consist of one young man each from Fernheim, Neuland and Menno colonies and a Paxman.

Paraguay President Stroessner made an unexpected visit to Fernheim colony on August 11 to visit the north end of the Trans-Chaco roadway. He also visited the high

school and allowed himself to be photographed with the students.

To facilitate the distribution of Christian literature, the South American Conference has designated centers which are to determine what literature is available, examine it and then aid in its distribution. In Brazil Brother Hans Kasdorf of Blumenau has been asked to serve the churches in the selection and distribution of Christian literature. It is the concern of the South American Conference that appropriate Christian literature be made available to the unsaved as well as saved.

Two weeks of services were held July 17-31 in the Mennonite Brethren Church, Blumenau, Brazil, with Brother John Wall, Board worker in Uruguay, as guest minister. The Lord blessed His Word to the edification of the believers and the salvation of some souls. A baptismal service in Blumenau was anticipated for August 21. Brother Hans Kasdorf also reports that Blumenau presents great possibilities for Gospel work. If workers were available, Sunday Schools could be started in the suburbs of the city.

Brother Hans Kasdorf was to conduct a week of teaching and preaching services in Saltobach, Brazil, beginning the second week in August.

World Congress of Youth for Christ

India—A bill was defeated in India recently that would have been a serious hindrance to Christianity had it passed. It would have required official proof of religious conviction before a person could embrace Christianity. The bill was defeated and delegates cheered B. N. Datar when he declared that Hinduism was the most tolerant of all religions and should not by force inhibit the activities of other religions. He also reminded members that missionaries were making a great contribution toward the uplift of the downtrodden people.

Missionary Radio Voice

Alaska—Radio station KICY, the Voice of the Arctic, which began broadcasting on Easter Sunday, reports that nearly 1,000 letters and communications were received during the first month on the air. This missionary radio voice, erected by the Evangelical Covenant Church of America, is filling a challenging need for news, weather forecasts, as well as having a real spiritual ministry. KICY is on the air 17 hours daily, seven days a week, sending out its message over a 5,000-watt transmitter. Letters have been received from as far as 1,500 miles away reporting good reception.

He who asks timidly invites refusal.

Farmers to Receive Cheques

Ottawa (CP). — Western grain growers will start receiving special acreage payment cheques of up to \$200 apiece through the Canadian wheat board in the week of Sept. 11, Agricultural Minister Harkness announced recently.

The \$42,000,000 in payments, approved by Parliament at this year's session, will be on the basis of \$1 a cultivated acre up to a maximum of 200 acres for each farm.

Under regulations announced by the minister, payments will be based on wheat board permit books for the 1959-60 crop year ended July 31 and will be made directly to permit holders who are actual producers.

"Cultivated acreage" will include all acres listed in a permit book, except that shown as uncultivated land and natural pasture.

Atom Bomb Explosion Results

The May 25 issue of The London Observer reports that citizens of Hiroshima who were closest to the 1945 atom bomb explosion had four times as many cancer cases in the group than those in unexposed sections of the city's population. In Nagasaki, lingering atomic diseases took the lives of 20 people during the first half of this year. Nagasaki was A-bombed one week after Hiroshima.

Prediction for Wheat Crop

Edmonton (CP) — Wheat pools in the three Prairie provinces have predicted a wheat crop of 456,000,000 bushels this year.

Searle Grain Company Limited pegged the crops at 438,401,000 bushels.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has not yet made a prediction but its annual estimate of the 1959 crop year was 339,000,000 bushels.

The Alberta wheat pool estimated Alberta would have a crop of 100,000,000 bushels with a yield of 20 bushels an acre, slightly higher than the 20-year-average of 19.5. Searle estimated the Alberta crop at 101,709,000 bushels at 20.1 bushels an acre. The bureau of statistics final 1959 Alberta estimate was 107,000,000.

The Saskatchewan wheat pool set Saskatchewan's crop at 297,500,000 bushels with an average yield of 20 bushels per acre. Searle gave the province 278,878,000 bushels at 18.8 bushels an acre, while the bureau of statistics' 1959 estimate was 232,000,000 bushels.

Manitoba's pool estimated the province would produce 58,500,000 bushels but declined to set a firm average yield. Searle predicted the yield would be about 21.7 bushels an acre for a total of 57,814,000 bushels. The bureau's final estimate for last year: 60,000,000.

WEDDINGS

Willems — Penner

Miss Anne Penner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penner of Glenbush, Sask., and Mr. Rueben Willems, son of Mrs. George Willems, were married in the Glenbush M. B. church on August 6.

Rev. Abe Pauls officiated, assisted by Rev. Corny Braun of Hepburn, Sask. Irmgard Loewen served as bridesmaid, Len Pauls as best man, Kathy Berg as pianist, Maria Willems as soloist, Jack Dyck and Jake Bergen as ushers. A duet number was sung by Don Willems and Mr. Berg.

Born—Pauls

Miss Helen Pauls, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. Pauls of Kelowna, B.C., and Mr. Rudy Born, whose parents died within the last year, were married in the Kelowna M. B. church on August 20. Rev. Nick Pauls, father of the bride, officiated, assisted by Rev. George Konrad, brother-in-law of the bride.

Special visitors from Saskatchewan were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Isaac, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Born, Mr. and Mrs. William Born.

For their honeymoon the Rudy Borns went to Victoria. On the trip Mrs. Born was overtaken by pleurisy. At present the young couple resides at Prince George, where Mr. Born will be teaching school.

Cameron — Kroeker

Miss Mary Kroeker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kroeker of Glenbush, Sask., and Mr. James Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cam-

eron, were married in the Glenbush M. B. church on August 20, 1960.

Rev. Arno Fast officiated, assisted by Rev. Abe Pauls. Betty Kroeker was bridesmaid, Bob Cameron—best man, Helen Isaak—pianist, Alice Skinner—soloist, Jake Kroeker and Jake Bergen—ushers. A ladies' trio sang an appropriate song.

Lepp — Wilms

Candelabra, fern, and orange and white gladiola were the setting for the wedding of Miss Martha Wilms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilms, Hepburn, and Mr. Alfred Lepp, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lepp, Dalmeny, on Thursday, August 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hepburn M. B. church.

Rev. J. Bergen officiated with Rev. J. H. Epp assisting. Soloist was Mr. Don Enns. Miss Ellen Lepp presented a musical selection on the flute. Mr. Reg. Van Nes played the wedding music.

After a wedding trip through the Rockies, the couple will take up residence in Pemican Portage in northern Saskatchewan, where both Mr. and Mrs. Lepp will be teaching school.

Ratzlaff — Neumann

Miss Elfrieda Neumann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Neumann of Arnold, B.C., and Mr. Ri-

chard Ratzlaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric L. Ratzlaff, were married in the Arnold M. B. church on September 4, 1960.

Rev. D. B. Wiens, uncle of the bride and pastor of the Vancouver M. B. Church, officiated.

Many relatives and friends attended the wedding in the afternoon. The young couple were honored with a short after-wedding program in the evening.

Mr. Ratzlaff is studying engineering at the University of British Columbia.

Future Subscribers

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stobbe of Prince Albert, Sask., was blessed with a little daughter on August 30, 1960. They named her Nancy Jill.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Heinrich Guenther, of 486 Henderson Hwy., Winnipeg, a daughter, Marina, on September 3, 1960.

Dr. and Mrs. Helmut T. Huebert of Ste. 214, Apt. B., Medical Centre, Winnipeg, are happy to announce the arrival of their first-born child, Karen Ruth, born September 3, 1960.

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

A report from the John R. Schmidt family

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

We want to introduce our family to you in this installment of our report. By now we feel we are quite seasoned travelers, having been a month on the way, and we have developed a certain routine of living. We are eight: Mother; Daddy; John Russel, almost 16; Elisabeth Ann, 14; Wesley Eugene, 13; David Duane, 11; Clara Marlene, 9; and Mary Lou, 3. Altogether they keep things interesting. They are the big motive for our trip by land, for they are seeing many things they would see in no other way.

Our traveling day usually begins with the song "Father, We Thank Thee for the Night" and family devotions. Mother reads the Bible and devotional passage for the day, and we all pray. This is a precious time; we have time and much to pray about, remembering the work we have left in its many phases, the mission work we have seen along the way, the road ahead, not to forget the thankfulness we feel in our hearts each new morning. The day usually passes quickly with new sights at each curve and the different experiences we have been describing. When going is smooth, Mother types, but often the roads are too rough. The children have tried games, but this too is almost prohibitive because of the motion of the car and limited space. Mother and Elisabeth spend some time in crocheting potholders which we leave as souvenirs wherever we happen to stop when one is finished. We are reading aloud the book by Mrs. Orr, *12,000 Miles by Land Rover*, the story of a missionary family with several children in a car a little bigger than a jeep who took a trip similar to ours. At Santa Cruz we entered onto the road from Brazil which they took and their experiences are not only interesting but often give us a lead as to what is ahead. We do not read more than the part on the area that we are about to enter. We also enjoy our radio, especially the programs from Quito, Ecuador, station HCJB. Daddy does most of the driving, though John Russell loves to relieve him when he gets sleepy, and keep mileage record.

"How do you all have room?" we are often asked when we get ready to pile in. Mary Lou and Marlene spend some time sleeping or playing in the back on the improvised bunks and that leaves

three to each of the two seats. Usually by evening the little girls have joined us and if we are all in good spirits, we have room then, too. If we are not in good spirits, there would not be enough room in a railroad car. We are having a great experience of learning to live together in a new sense. Often we hear the remark, "What a tribe! Six children?" but we would not be one less.

Our experiences in Peru began with two lovely contacts. In the first town, Pune, we got in touch with Adventist missionaries by phone while finishing customs. They offered an empty house but when we got there, supper was ready for all and soon beds were ready for all to sleep in their lovely home. Though they have things in their belief which are different from ours, their relationship to our Lord is the same and our spirit was one with these sincere missionaries. Before leaving the next morning after a bountiful breakfast, we knelt together at our chairs for prayer. The next night we stayed at the guest house of the United Evangelicals in Arequipa but first stopped at the Baptist church where we happened to come just as they were gathering for an evening service. We met Rev. Harris who called us later at the guest house and insisted on our coming for breakfast. Rev. Harris' wife is from Georgia and there is no hospitality like theirs, says Daddy, who used to go there during interning days. That morning we had corned beef, cinnamon toast, waffles and tomato juice, lots to take along for lunch, besides rich Christian fellowship.

After Arequipa, the roads in Peru were all asphalt, and what a change for us! In one day's drive we dropped from the highpoint, 15,000 feet to the ocean. It didn't seem that we were dropping that much as much of the time there were climbs alternating with the drops. Mountain traveling is very deceiving in that when it looks like we are leveling off or even going downhill, we still are climbing. The sight of the ocean was a grand, sudden surprise when we rounded a curve. Now for level road, we thought! But we were mistaken. The road ahead was through mountains as rugged and treacherous as we had seen, with many tunnels. After driving close to the beach, within 10 minutes we would be an estimated 2000 feet above it with a sheer precipice going straight down. As the road is asphalt, we had no trouble with the climbs. We found many crosses along the roadside where someone had been killed. Sometimes the crosses are large and fancy, and include a shrine with a burning candle. Others have a container in which travelers are to pay money to some saint for

their safety. Though these testify to a religion veiled in superstition, the crosses are still a constant reminder to us of the loving care of our Heavenly Father over us as we travel.

The highlight and our longest stopping place in Peru was Lima. We called at the Wycliff center and met Mr. Pete Fast, formerly from Mountain Lake. The Wycliff mission or Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) have a large guest house for their missionaries that come in from their base in Yaracocha and from the tribes. Because they have a Volvo dealer in Lima and good mechanics, we had our car overhauled and this took almost a week. We were really glad that they took us in as one of their own. Their charge to everyone that comes is \$2.00 a day for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12, including abundant meals. Since we had the time and a place to leave our children, the missionaries encouraged us to go to their base. We



The Schmidts had to travel on rugged treacherous roads as seen here.

decided to try, though we had no reservations on the usually crowded plane. "If the Lord wants you to go, there will be a place" was the promise ringing in our ears as one of their workers took us to the airport. Sure enough, one passenger didn't show up and because we had no baggage they let the two of us on.

On the way we landed in Tournavista, Le Tourneau's airstrip. We did not get to see the Mennonite boys working on the project, but two Mennonite nurses came to the airfield to meet us on the way back. The SIL base is a lovely place in the jungles of Peru, two hours flight from Lima. Here Indian tribes live scattered over large areas. The climate is warm and sultry in contrast to the cold and damp weather in Lima. Here we met more of our Mennonite folk, at least those of Mennonite stock. John had known Mrs. Henderson's brothers (Woelks) when he was young and Mrs. Titus Nickel (Florence Enz) is cousin to Prof. Jake Ens. Mr. Nickel was at home in Hillsboro, she in Aberdeen, Idaho. We saw the print shop where tribal

primers, dictionaries and other reading materials are printed. Some 17,000 volumes were printed last year in the tribal languages which are being put into writing by the missionaries. We saw the radio station that keeps in daily contact with each worker in the tribes and rode in the airplane that keeps these missionaries supplied and takes them back and forth from the jungles. We saw the hangars where the planes are kept in repair, the repair shops where radio and transmitters are kept in order and the hospital where missionaries bring in emergency cases from the tribes. Any ordinary case is treated by the missionary with advice from the doctor over the radio. We saw the huts where leading men from the tribes live when they come in for further training, especially to learn Spanish, before going out again to teach their people.

Of greatest inspiration to us were the Titus Nickels. They were one of the first couples to come into this work and went days on the river in dugouts with their little children to the tribe in which they worked. He has been constructor at the base from its beginning. She has been in charge of the guest house at the base and the laundry. They have a plain house, like all the base houses, very much in harmony with the jungle around them. But they are leaving in a few weeks for Brazil where SIL is starting a new work. Things are becoming too "civilized" here and they want to enter new frontiers.

A great vision is behind this great work and for us it was a great inspiration to see it in action. Thirty tribes have a couple or two single girls living right with them. Seventeen tribes have parts of the Testament which they are learning to read. Workers prefer living under primitive conditions among the Indians to being in the more comfortable conditions at the base or in Lima. SIL has good recognition with the government in Peru. If the government is interested to further education with native Indians they turn to SIL for help and advice. The mission gets it everything custom free; that is why we enjoyed cornflakes and jello here. They started the work 16 years ago, a short time for the accomplishments they have gained.

Back in Lima we caught up on necessary laundry, writing, etc., and left on Saturday morning early, laden down with a good lunch which the housemother had fixed for us and Mary Lou's heart gladdened by a new member in her doll family, for Mrs. Cudney had given her a brand new doll to take along. The car was again in tip-top shape, a courtesy service without charge to us by the Volvo agency. The next two days we made 712 miles, a real record for us; and for the first time we felt that we were really going north to Kansas, our destination.

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New Service Project at Tepoztlan, Mexico

Health education for Mexican school children was a new area of service undertaken by six MCC voluntary service workers this summer. The project was primarily a program of health evaluation and education in the primary and secondary schools of Tepoztlan, Mexico, and in neighboring villages. Tepoztlan, in the states of Morelos, is located southeast of Mexico City. A country seat of 8,000 inhabitants, it is described as a typical Mexican town. It has four grade schools, one high school and a kindergarten.

Tepoztlan is a self-sufficient agricultural community having little commerce with other areas. The principal crops are corn and sugar cane. Residents live in the town and go out to their farms in the surrounding area.

MCC workers were sent to Tepoztlan in response to an invitation by Ernesto Cabrera, Jr., a YMCA camp director with several years of experience in the US. Cabrera, director of camp activities for the Mexico City YMCA, has been working to establish and extend a health program in this area. The team members were directly responsible to Cabrera. Unit living quarters were at nearby Camp Camohmila, operated by the Asociacion Cristiana de Jovenes.

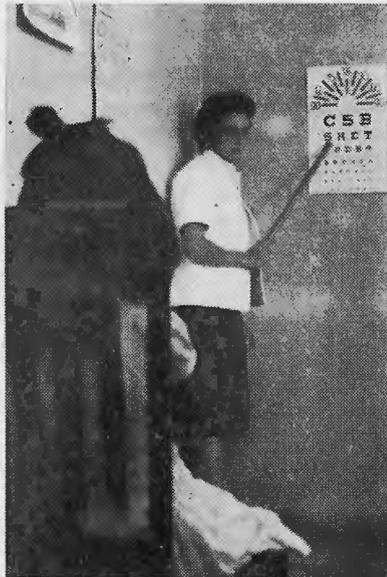
Physical examinations were given the school children by the volunteers in cooperation with the school officials and government health officials. The series of tests were aimed particularly at detection of defective eyesight, hearing, teeth and skin, and were to be the basis of consequent medical action.

Edna Gardner, the nurse in the unit, taught the other members the required skills or administration of physical examinations, with each unit member learning a specific procedure in the total examination.

The examination program was planned to lay the foundation for a continued program of medical treatment and health education in the community. It was the feeling of the unit that statistics compiled as a result of the examinations are useful only if there is a follow-up on them. Some children were taken to the doctor after being examined, but the long-range need is for adult health education. Cabrera explained the effect of the summer project: "We have realized by now the many implications inherent in a task like the one we are developing. For instance, the physical examinations given to the school children have shown with clear evidence the absolute necessity to invite a dentist to establish his office in Tepoztlan. The urgent need is to start a promoting campaign toward better sanitary habits and conditions for the people of Tepoztlan."

MCC unit members made a start

in this needed campaign by using visual aids in their summer program. The volunteers placed health posters on the walls of school buildings and showed films on health subjects. The unit also assisted in the recreation program at the schools and at Camp Camohmila.



Ruth Ewy checks vision in the physical examinations given Mexican school children.

Through their activities, the volunteers earned the respect and friendship of many Tepoztlan residents. James Conrad wrote that "the people here are putting more confidence in us and seem more friendly as time goes on."

It is hoped that several groups in the community will continue the work by cooperating in a program of their own. Student groups in Mexico City and teachers in local schools have shown some interest in integrating health education into school activities, and the YMCA may provide leadership in the program.

Cabrera wrote to MCC concerning the summer program: "Everybody here at the 'Y' and in Tepoztlan seems to be very much interested in our project: We were visited by the School Inspector of the area and he showed much interest. The human material provided by your organization is the best we could get anywhere. The recipients of the services have been very kind, patient and cooperative. I am so thankful to God for these experiences."

Schools and Colleges

Inter-Mennonite Theological Study Conference

Moundridge, Kans. — Some 30 ministers, teachers and theologians met here Saturday to Tuesday, August 20-23, for the Mennonite Theological Conference at the West Zion church.

The conference, which as an unofficial one, was an inter-Mennonite

gathering, with at least four different Mennonite groups represented. Schools represented were Bethel College, Hesston College, Tabor College, Bluffton College and Goshen College.

Among the topics discussed were "The Anabaptist Concept of the Church," "Church Renewal," "The Primitive Christian Confession According to the N. T.," "Baptism and Christian Fellowship," and others.

Speakers and discussion leaders included Dr. Calvin Redekop, Hesston, Vernon Wiebe and Marvin Hein, Hillsboro, Dr. Albert Meyer, Goshen, Virgil Vogt, Grabill, Ind., Dr. Robert Preider and Dr. Wm. Keeney, Bluffton, Dr. Harold Vogt, Newton, Dr. Paul Peachey, Harrisonburg, Va., Erwin Goering, Elmer Ediger, Dr. Walter Klassen and Dr. Vernon Neufeld, all of North Newton.

Monday afternoon the group visited places and churches of special interest in surrounding communities. The women of the West Zion Church served meals during the conference. Rev. Harris Waltner is pastor of the church.

Dr. P. R. Lange Speaks at Henderson

Henderson, Neb. — Dr. P. R. Lange of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, Calif., was speaker for a series of meetings at the Mennonite Brethren church here on August 21 to 28. "Personal Christianity" was the topic of the week-long series. Formerly on the faculty of Tabor College, Dr. Lange has served as chairman of the M. B. Foreign Missions board and as moderator of the Southern District conference.

Corn Bible Academy Begins Early

Among the first Mennonite schools (perhaps the first) to open for the 1960 fall term is Corn Bible Academy of Corn, Okla., which started Monday, August 22. Speaker for the school opening program Sunday evening, August 28, in the Corn M. B. church, was Rev. Raymond Vogt of Tulsa. There are six teachers on the staff, Jacob Ewert, Martha Foote, Robert Fox, Mrs. Leonard Travis, John E. Vogt and J. W. Wiebe.

Rosthern Junior College Opening

Rev. Henry Poettcker, president of Canadian Mennonite Bible College, will be the guest speaker for the two services at the official opening of the 1960-61 school year at Rosthern Junior College.

The date of the opening has been set for September 25 and the services will begin at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Choirs from Langham and Tiefengrund have been invited to participate in the services.

To date 175 applications for admission have been accepted. Because of the favorable distribution

among grades the College is prepared to enroll other students who wish to apply even at this late date.

For the faculty and staff, the Rosthern Junior College school year began on September 1. They took time for a retreat at which various topics related to the strengthening of spiritual resources for the coming year were discussed. On September 20 the student council will convene at the campus to plan the usual social events of the weekend and also for the purpose of organization.

Christ, the Great Captain

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authority. Yes, He has the power to calm your soul and bring the waves and storm of your anxious heart to rest.

The boat finally reached the shore without great harm. The great Captain had preserved it and by His direction, guidance and protection the disciples crossed safely in spite of the great danger that threatened them. We have the assurance that our life's boat will finally reach the blessed shore of eternity. Then we shall realize that the crossing of the ocean of life and the blessed landing are only achieved by the help and gracious leading of our great Captain, Jesus Christ our Lord. To Him be praise, glory and honor! Let us honor Him with complete surrender and obedience, praying with confidence: "Jesus Saviour, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea; Unknown waves before me roll Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal, Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus Saviour, pilot me."

Facts of Interest

Japanese Students—More than three times as many students are receiving higher education in Japan now compared with pre-war years.

School Support—Arizona consistently ranks among the first U.S. states in the total amount of money it expends for each child per year for educational purposes.

Indian Population—In two of Arizona's 14 counties, Apache and Navajo, the Indian population are approximately equal to the total of the white population. Montana has an Indian population of about 15,000.

Central America's Population—United Nations experts predict Central America's population will double in the next 30 years.

Old Capital—Caracas, capital and principal city of Venezuela, was founded in about 1567.

Argentina's Exports—Argentina normally exports more corn than any other country although its total annual crop is only about one-tenth of that produced annually in the United States.

Population Gain—The population of Ohio increased by 400 per cent between 1800 and 1810.

50 at DVBS

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...cipled and manifested a true eagerness to study the Bible.

The teachers naturally find it difficult to determine how successful their venture has been, and although public opinion does not offer a full and accurate evaluation of the work, it does nevertheless reflect to some extent the deep and perhaps hidden flow of religious experience. One lady, having heard the children sing, had this to say: "When the children sing with you people (meaning the DVBS teachers) they sound like angels, but when they sing in pub-

lic school, they don't sound like anything." Recently, other non-Mennonite folk have voiced their appreciation for the work done in behalf of their children. We feel certain that the spirit of the school has been felt in the various homes.

Special Announcement

All correspondence pertaining to the Mennonite Brethren Church in Regina should be addressed to Rev. George Dyck, 4416 Grant Road, Regina, Sask.

On behalf of the Church
Peter A. Klassen

Opening Program of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College

A cordial invitation is extended to our friends of the College to attend the opening service of the school on Sunday, October 2, at 7 p.m. in the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave. Again it is our privilege to serve a large number of Christian young people who are coming to the College to prepare for more effective service in today's world. Registration of students will begin on Monday, Sept. 19, at 9:30 a.m.

The growing needs of our churches, and the increasing problems of our mission fields call for well-trained and dedicated workers. By God's grace and with the prayerful support of our churches we want to assume anew the responsibilities of the task committed unto us by our brotherhood—the training of young men and women for the high calling of Christian service.

On behalf of the College
J. A. Toews

Three Added to Our Church

Lucky Lake, Sask. — A second baptism was held at the M. B. Mission in Lucky Lake on August 28, when three believers, Hulda Pauls, Marlene Krueger and Dave Banman followed the Lord in this step of obedience. The Pastor, A. Penner, officiated at the service.

Brother Jake Schellenberg of Beechy was the guest speaker and he used I Peter 3:18-21 for his text as he spoke to the group gathered at the lake.

After the three were received into the fellowship of the church, Brother Schellenberg, speaking mainly to the new members, pointed out what the church could expect from them and what they could expect from the church.

Alvin Penner

Change of Address

Former address: Miss Mary Toews, Box 158, Clearbrook, B. C.

Present address: Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, U.S.A.

Former address: Dr. and Mrs. Ferd. Pauls, St. Bonifac eHospital, Winnipeg, Mana.

Present address: 454 Ave. Maliere, Brussels, Belgium.

Former address: Mr. Leslie Stobbe, Box 21-, Clearbrook, B.C.

Present address: 3147 W. Wellington, Chicago 18, Ill., U.S.A.

Communist Aid to Congo

U. S. officials think Russia is trying to establish a Communist beachhead in The Congo while appearing to help the United Nations restore order there (Washington A. P.)

The official said this conclusion appeared to be inescapable in view of the amount of Communist military technical and transport aid sent to the African republic in the last few weeks.

The State Department despite a flood of confidential reports on Russia's operations, has so far declined to comment on the development.

These sources said Russia's goal apparently is to make Premier Patrice Lumumba so heavily dependent on Soviet advisers and material help to keep his nation from collapsing that he will be a willing tool afterward for further Communist penetration of Africa. (Free Press).

Correction

In the Mennonite Observer, dated August 26, 1960, the two lines "their apathy; only real tribulation and depression can do that" (p. 4, top of column 3) should be part of the concluding sentence of the article "M.B. Youth Conference in Ontario", which begins on page 1. Our sincere apology for the two misplaced lines. —Ed.

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)

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

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.

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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