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## Silver Wedding Anniversary for Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Toews

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College and his wife Nettie (nee Willms) observed their silver wedding anniversary in the Elmwood M.B. church, Winnipeg in the evening of October 29, 1960.

The Toewses rejoiced in the blessing which they received as their five children, Elfrieda, Wilma, John, David and Irene made their contributions to the program. Close relatives, the Bible College teachers and students, members of the Elmwood M.B. Church and friends had come in order to add to the blessings of the occasion.

Rev. J. J. Toews led the program. The three brethren G. D. Huebert, George Thielmann of Chilliwack, B.C. and Rev. David Ewert presented brief messages from God's Word and Rev. I. W. Redekopp made concluding remarks, after which Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Toews thanked God for His faithful guidance in the past and they also committed themselves to Him for the future.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Toews, parents of the Toewses, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Nick Toews of Clearbrook conveyed their greetings in the course of the program, by a tape which had been sent here.

Special musical numbers were presented by Elfrieda Toews, with Wilma Toews at the organ, by relatives, by the Bible College a cap-

pella choir and by a group of sisters of the Elmwood M.B. Church.

Special visitors and relatives from outside the province of Manitoba were Rev. George Thielmann and his wife Agnes (nee Toews) of Chilliwack, B.C., Mr. George Willms (brother of Mrs. Toews) and his wife Tina, Coaldale and Mr. Aron Baerg and his wife Gertrude (nee Willms — sister of Mrs. Toews), also from Coaldale, Alberta.

Part of the program was presented in the main auditorium and the other part, under the leadership of John Toews jr., after a lunch had been served, in the basement of the church. Rev. B. B. Fast brought the second part of the program to a close, by committing Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Toews and their family to the Lord in prayer.

## Brookwood Gospel Chapel Dedicated

Aldergrove, B.C. — The dedication of the Brookwood Gospel Chapel took place October 9, 1960 on a lovely Sunday afternoon. The building is situated among tall evergreens and provides a more suitable place for worship than the community hall where Sunday School was previously held.

The service was begun outside where the group gathered sang "There's a Church in the Valley by the Wildwood." Then the keys were

handed over to Rev. Herman Voth, pastor of the East Aldergrove M.B. Church, who opened the door and the congregation assembled inside. The Sunday School group of children sang a song led by John Froese. Then Mr. Arnold Peters was called upon to say a few words. Mr. Peters had been in charge of the work for the past five years and wished the work the Lord's blessing in the future. Next the teachers of Brookwood sang a song "Count your Blessings." Mr. Dave Esau, who together with his wife is in charge of the work now, introduced the Brookwood Sunday School teachers. They are: Dora Kliewer, Lorena Funk, Kay Warkentin, Mary Klassen, Irma Suderman, John Froese, Jake Wiens, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Esau. Then Rev. Voth introduced the Building Committee, Mr. Abe Dueck, Mr. John Buehler, Mr. Herman Klassen. Mr. Klassen reported that the work

was started about ten years ago by Mr. Pete Wiebe, Mr. John Esau and Mr. Dave Redekop and others.  
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## 33 Registered in Ontario M. B. Bible School

Kitchener, Ontario. — Thirty-three students have registered at the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Bible School. Registration day was October 12 and classes began on the following day. The student body represents Mennonite Brethren and General Conference Mennonite churches. Students have come from the following points: Virgil, 10; St. Catharines, 9; Vineland, 4; Port Rowan, 1; Leamington, 1; Kitchener 6; Lindbrook, Alta., 1; Yarrow, B.C., 1.

The opening program was presented on October 23 in the Kitchener M. B. church. The large con-  
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## World Evangelism in a Revolutionary Age

By Rev. J. B. Toews

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us . . . That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations" (Psalm 67:1-2).

God is absolute and does not change. The plan and purpose of God does not change. "I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10) remains the position of the Eternal and will eventually come to full realization.

The provision of redemption in Christ, with the command, "Go ye into all the earth, and teach all nations," remains the first and foremost responsibility of all those who claim Christ as Savior and Lord. The church of each succeeding era and generation must find its proper relationship to this sacred trust and responsibility.

The present century marked by unprecedented changes of scientific progress, cultural tides, social awakenings and political threats is no departure from the plan and purpose of God. The Biblical affirmation is that God reveals Himself not in ideas or in propositions but in history, in events, in a Person. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." The earliest confession of the church was that Jesus Christ is Lord. This was the first proclamation, the essential gospel. It is the essential gospel today; it must be proclaimed and will not be changed until our Lord and King comes with power.

The missionary era of the past century coincided with and was intimately connected with the cul-  
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## Elim Bible School, Fernheim, Paraguay



Students and teachers of the 1960 Elim Bible School, Fernheim, Paraguay. Faculty members seated from left to right: Hans Wiens, Peter Klassen, Henry C. Born, Willy Janz and Heinrich Loewen. See also picture on page 12 of this issue and "Elim Bible School" report in previous issue, page 1.

## EDITORIAL

### Educating the Gifted

Throughout history the attempts to provide appropriate education for the gifted child have been unsystematic and inadequate. During the Renaissance, the Reformation, and the Industrial Revolution, intellectual superiority was highly esteemed but little attention was given this aspect in educational circles. The seventeenth, eighteenth and most of the nineteenth centuries were characterized by a political philosophy which held that all men are created equal. In America, this idea was often misinterpreted to mean that all had equal abilities, and school curricula were established accordingly. Arising from this insidious belief is the opinion that special classes for the gifted are "undemocratic."

A second reason why American educators have been reluctant to provide special education for the gifted is the existing notion of laissez-faire that "talent will out" in our society; that if it is true talent it will be irrepressible and follow a natural course of development. In reality this is seldom true. The gifted are not challenged by the curriculum which is worked out with the average student in mind. Recently a student glancing through a Mathematics textbook at the Grade VII level remarked, "Aren't we going to learn anything new this year?"

Gifted students develop poor habits in the regular classes. They finish assignments quickly and often become bored and restless while waiting for others to complete their work. The democratic society must aim to provide for all its citizens an education in accordance with each individual's abilities so that he may draw the greatest benefit from it. Standard procedures are inadequate for the gifted. Yet we have not enough geni to justify a standard group approach to their education. For these reasons the Winnipeg Public Schools began to organize Major Work classes in 1954. The enrollment in these classes constitutes about two per cent of the total enrollment. Nearly fifty such classes have been established since the program was begun. The real purpose of these classes is to develop critical thinking and creativity.

Teaching for creativity requires insight into human development, faith in others, and sensitivity to beginning efforts and their potentialities for growth on the part of the teacher and open-minded, active curiosity to explore and experiment on the part of the student. The teacher is less concerned with imparting knowledge, but rather becomes a stage manager and scene shifter. She tries to lead into areas which are rich and makes the ever-widening areas of awareness highly inviting. The teacher needs to time flexibly, to capitalize on the mood of the moment, and digress if profitable. We deny some children the creative experience when we force everyone to "march in time." Over-routinizing is one of the deadliest enemies of creative thinking in the classroom. Teachers interested in encouraging creative thinking find ways to involve students in planning for the responsible, intelligent handling of routines. And modifying present methods often results in more personal pleasure from teaching.

The longer interest span of gifted children enables the teacher to plan larger work units. Group projects lend themselves well to this procedure. Oral reports, debates, field trips, student demonstrations are common. In discussing electricity recently, the question was raised, "How does the telephone work?" Dick, a Grade VIII boy with a slight speech impediment, raised his hand excitedly and asked if he might assemble both the transmitter and receiver from spare parts at home. Next day he was back with a working model of the telephone, much to the amazement of his classmates. On another occasion he approached me with an old wooden orange crate and said he would like to demonstrate his wiener-roaster. Two shiny nails allowed him to place his wiener across the gap and, placing the plug in the socket, he confidently told the class that in ninety seconds flat the wiener would be well done. You can imagine the delight in the eyes of all at the sight of the sizzling wiener, and that within a minute and a half.

The core of the program for educating the gifted is enrichment. Opportunities are provided to go deeper, range more widely and accomplish more than the average child. The very interest of these youngsters holds promise of success. The main interest of the students in the Major Work classes is reading.

In conclusion, segregation of the gifted does not imply iso-

lation from the rest of the school. Educators must divest themselves of the belief that it is undemocratic to provide special opportunities for special students. We must also dispel the fear that the gifted may become egocentric if given too much consideration. Our responsibility is to discover talent and give it opportunity in that hope that it will promote the welfare and happiness of oncoming generations.

Guest editorial by David Friesen

## DEVOTIONAL

### True Greatness

as seen in the life of Moses

In Exodus 11:3 we read: "Moses was very great in the land of Egypt." Of all Old Testament characters Moses is considered the most outstanding and greatest. No one was his superior or his equal. Relatives, friends and foes recognized him as such. His greatness was so evident that no honest person could deny it.

1. Which were the reasons for his greatness? There are three main ones. First of all, he received a great training. The talented young boy received his initial and elementary instruction in the home. Amram and Jochebed were pious and God-fearing people. They gave their son a firm religious foundation on which he could build for the rest of his life.

A little later Moses' training was continued at the court of the Egyptian king. Here he learned wisdom and culture at the royal court of a nation which attracted the attention of the then known world. This type of education added much to the efficiency of his work in later years.

Having spent forty years in Egypt, Moses fled to the Midian desert. Here he found himself in obscurity. God taught him many postgraduate lessons, without which his training would have been incomplete and his work of leadership inadequate.

The second reason for the greatness of Moses was that he was called by the great God of heaven. At one occasion, as he was herding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the Lord called him. Moses responded to the call rather reluctantly, because he felt unworthy and incapable of being God's servant, yet he was obedient.

The third reason for Moses' greatness was that he was to serve a great people. Israel was God's own elect. For about four hundred years it had been in Egypt. Most of that time it had been under bondage. There were approximately two million Israelites. Moses was appointed by the Lord to lead this great nation out of Egypt into the Promised Land of Canaan. As it was essential for Moses to have a great training, so it is necessary for us to be prepared for the task which God places before us.

2. How was the greatness of Moses manifested? It was done in a three-fold way. First of all, there

was a deep sense of loyalty in his heart toward God, toward his own people and toward his acquired convictions. In spite of opposition and unfavorable circumstances he remained true to God. Israel had been a despised nation for centuries. This, however, could not change Moses' loyalty to his people. Neither did Moses deviate from his God-given convictions. The three-fold deep-rooted loyalty which Moses had is worthy of imitation. Let us therefore not be ashamed of the Lord in Whom we believe, nor of the people with whom we have identified ourselves.

The second manifestation of Moses' greatness was his true humility. In spite of the fact that he had received a royal training, he was willing to do the humble work of a herdsman. It was also an expression of humility that he, as the leader of Israel, accepted Jethro as his advisor in administrative matters and Aaron as his spokesman.

The third manifestation of the greatness of Moses was his perseverance. He contended with rebellious Israel for the duration of approximately forty years and towards the close of his life he was still able to bless his people. Do we possess such true persevering greatness? God grant it!

3. What effect did Moses' great-

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Church Enlargement

**La Glace, Alta.** — "The Lord is good to all" (Psalm 145:9). This is truly our testimony here at La Glace. He has blessed us in abundance both materially and spiritually. Last spring when we were left without a pastor we felt downcast and it almost seemed as though the clouds had no silver lining. The future seemed dark as we were uncertain who would take over, but as we look back over the summer months and see how marvelously the Lord has undertaken in our every need, we just have to say with the Psalmist, "The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon Him."

In the beginning of September He answered our prayer and sent us a pastor, George Block. Then we had a further blessing in September when it was our privilege as a church to admit the rite of baptism to two persons and receive them into the church. It truly was a time of rejoicing.

DVBS was another time of blessing. We had 4 teachers and an enrolment of 71 pupils, which exceeded all expectations. Our classrooms were filled to capacity. What a challenge! How it humbled us to see the great need and the labourers so few. We cannot report any decisions for Christ, but our prayer is that the Word that has been sown may bear fruit in due time.

Our church building, some 30 years old, is showing signs of deterioration and is very cold in winter. So the congregation has decided to make a full basement for our Bible school building, extend the front 12 feet, remodel it and use it for a church. It has been a joy to see the willing hands at work on this project, a big one for a congregation of 10 families. The cement work is completed and the building in place. For the coming winter we will probably have our services and

ness have? Through the influence of Moses, Israel's social, economic, political, cultural and religious life received a God-given direction. Through his endurance Israel was brought to the borders of the Promised Land. Clinging to God in simple trusting faith, he was permitted to have a view of Canaan from afar off and then he died in peace.

After God had trained Moses, the latter was not great in his own mind, but he was great in God's sight. The proud heart is always repulsive to God, but the humble heart is the truly great heart in God's sight. May God grant every one a humble heart, so that true greatness might be obtained!

G. D. H.

Sunday school in the basement as funds are overdrawn. The ladies have been taking turns in supplying dinner and lunch for the working men.

Our constant prayer is that the Lord will enable us to radiate Christ's love to those around us.

Mrs. Henry Siebert

## Thanksgiving and Missionary Service at Steinbach

**Steinbach, Man.** — "The Lord is good to all . . . All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee" (Psalm 145:9,10). These were the opening words of the Thanksgiving Service at Steinbach on October 16. Rev. H. A. Regehr spoke on this Psalm, pointing to man's complete dependence upon God.

Rev. J. A. Toews of Winnipeg was the guest speaker. His message was based on I Chron. 29, which deals with David's sacrificial offering in preparation for the building of the temple. This was a day of thanksgiving for the promise of a temple. But thanksgiving is related to sacrifice: "Opfere Gott Dank." Similarly, if we want to build the spiritual temple: our own Christian life and that of the church, we must be willing to sacrifice and dedicate ourselves to God.

In the afternoon mission service Rev. J. A. Toews spoke on a new vision for our missionary program. He based his message on Acts 16. Paul planned to follow the same route on his second missionary journey as for the first, but "the Spirit suffered him not." It was then that he got a new vision: a call to Macedonia. Paul was not merely to make the rounds again. His field was enlarged as he responded to God's leading. This may well be the position of our church today. We need to examine our missionary program in the light of present circumstances and be sensitive to God's leading.

Henry Toews

## Bishop J. M. Pauls Operated

**Winkler, Man.** — Rev. J. M. Pauls of Winkler, a bishop in the Bergthaler church and chairman of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites, submitted to an operation at the Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg. Rev. Pauls had been ailing for several months and returned from Rochester, Minn., where his illness was diagnosed as cancer.

Until his health is restored the other members of the executive of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites will share the responsibil-

ity ordinarily assumed by the Rev. Pauls. Other members of the executive are: G. G. Neufeld, vice-chairman; Henry H. Epp, secretary; J. J. Thiessen, chairman of the college board; David Schroeder, chairman of the board of education and publication; H. H. Penner, chairman of the board of missions; D. P. Neufeld, chairman of voluntary service, and H. Wiebe, chairman of the board of trustees.

## Gratefulness for Material and Spiritual Blessings

**Grossweide, Man.** — The Lord has showered many blessings upon us during the year. During the course of the summer we were privileged to baptize four young ladies and to receive them into the church. It is a blessing to witness the obedience of young people to the requirements of God's Word.

October 23 proved to be a day of blessing as the Grossweide M.B. Church observed its Harvest-thanksgiving and Mission festival. The Sunday School session was substituted by a short service for the children. Leonard Neufeld presented an object lesson, illustrating the essential stability of our Christian lives, if we want to be of any service to God.

Mr. D. M. Hiebert opened the morning service with the reading of Psalm 36:6, stressing the goodness of God to us.

Rev. G. D. Huebert of Winnipeg spoke on the Prayer of Thanksgiving based on Psalm 50:14-15. He emphasized the fact that real thankfulness for spiritual and material blessings, will be revealed in sacrificial thanksgiving.

Rev. John M. Schmidt of the Gospel Light Hour spoke on the subject, "How to celebrate a biblical Harvest-thanksgiving festival," based on Deuteronomy 26:1-11. He stressed the fact that a lack of thankfulness leads to a spiritual drought in our lives. During the afternoon session he spoke on Radio Evangelism and its place in God's program for today. Radio is the most economical method of evangelism. One penny reaches 10 people for half an hour. More prayer and financial support is needed in this work.

Rev. Huebert spoke on the subject, "The Pattern of a Mission-minded Church" (Acts 13:1-5). A missionary-minded church will be a sacrificing church, led by the Holy Spirit, and give its full support to those who have gone forth from their midst.

May He give us grace to be faithful to the great commission of Christ!

## Salem Church Held 50th Anniversary Services

**Tofield, Alta.** — Fiftieth anniversary services were held at the Salem Mennonite church recently.

The theme was The Church of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

Speakers included Paul Burkholder of Bluesky, Alta., Stanley Shantz of Guernsey, Sask., and Dan Brenneman of Creston, Mont.

The congregation was organized in 1910 when several families moved to the Tofield area from Milford, Neb. The first church building was erected in 1911. N. E. Roth was the congregation's first bishop. Of the 17 original charter members, six are still living and were present for the anniversary.

Highlights of the church's history include the first Alberta-Saskatchewan conference in 1917 and the first Christian Workers' conference in 1948.

The present building was dedicated in 1954. Sunday school attendance now is about 300. Present leader of the congregation is Bishop J. B. Stauffer. Milton Stutzman has served the church for nearly 50 years, first as deacon and then as minister. Other ministers are Harold Boettger and Paul Voegtlin.

## New Church Near Marion

**Marion, S.D.** — Construction is under way for the new church building of the Silver Lake Mennonite Brethren congregation. To be located on the premises of the present church on highway 81 west of Marion, the new structure will have a seating capacity of 200. Work is progressing. Rev. M. A. Schellenberg is pastor of the church.

## Three Camps Held in India

October is a month of holidays in India. Our missionaries utilize this opportunity to arrange for camps for young people who sometimes have a succession of days free from school attendance.

This year the young men's camp of the India Mennonite Brethren Church took place at Shadnagar from September 28 to October 2. The theme was "Fruit-bearing in the Life of the Apostle Paul."

The young women's camp was held from October 15 to 19. The theme for that camp was "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer and the Unbeliever."

A third camp was arranged for the women and mothers for October 26 to 30 with the theme, "Readiness."

It was encouraging to observe that these programs foster spiritual growth among the campers. There is evidence of increased attentiveness to the Word of God which no doubt will result in greater blessing to the campers and to a deeper life on their part as Christians. Prayer and intercession is needed for these campers so they may go back to their local communities and churches to become active witnesses and living testimonies to their own people, especially among their own age group.

## Churches Held First Joint-Conference



Discussing first Inter-Mennonite Conference at Abbotsford and Clearbrook recently are committee members Rev. John R. Dick, Rev. William I. Neufeld, (standing) and Rev. Peter J. Froese with guest speaker Dr. Willard M. Aldrich of Portland, Oregon. Although attendance was not large throughout the five-day conference, Sunday night the main floor of Abbotsford Junior High School auditorium was filled. Meetings were jointly sponsored by Mennonite Brethren, Mennonite Conference and Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches. Choirs from participating churches rendered numbers in song.

**Abbotsford, Clearbrook, B.C.** — First annual conference jointly sponsored by the General Conference, Mennonite Brethren and Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Churches in the Fraser Valley convened October 19 to 23 in Abbots-

ford and Clearbrook. Committee consisted of Rev. Peter J. Froese, Rev. William I. Neufeld and Rev. John R. Dick.

Guest speaker for the conference was Dr. Willard M. Aldrich, co-founder and president of Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, since 1943. Dr. Aldrich, graduate of Wheaton College and Dallas Theological Seminary, was speaker at the recent convention held at Grace Church in Abbotsford.

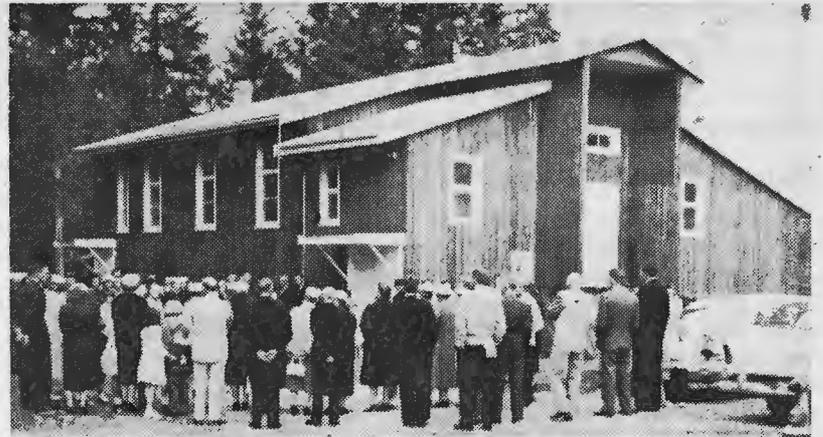
Topics at the five day conference were More than Conquerors, How to Become a Child of God, Strategy of Satan, Assurance that We Belong to the Family, Who is Christ That I May Trust Him, Discipline and Growth, Education for Eternity, The Family Inheritance, and God's Formula for a Successful Life.

All evening services were held in Abbotsford Junior High School auditorium and afternoon services in Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren Church. Special musical numbers were presented at every meeting. All services were conducted in the English language.

### OBITUARIES

#### Mrs. Susanna Fast's Sudden Departure

Mrs. Susanna Fast, 88, had a stroke Tuesday, November 1, and



Brookwood Gospel Chapel dedicated October 9.

#### Brookwood, Chapel

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The funds were given mostly by free-will donations and offerings. The labour was mostly voluntary by members and young people of the East Aldergrove M.B. Church. The message was given by Rev. George Konrad from a text from

Genesis 28:16-22 — Building Bethel, a place of comfort, communion, and commitment. This was followed by a dedicatory prayer.

An offering was received for the further completion of the building. We thank God for this building and may it be a place where many souls would find their way from darkness to light.

she passed on to her reward from her earthly abode on 216 Kenaston Blvd., Winnipeg 5, late in the evening of the same day.

#### A Steinbach Pioneer Dies

Cornelius T. Loewen, 77, of Steinbach, Man., a pioneer lumberman, died Wednesday in St. Boniface Hospital. Born in Steinbach, he was founder of the C. T. Loewen and Sons Lumber Dealers.

Surviving are three sons, Edward, George, Cornelius of Steinbach, and four daughters, Mary,

Wilma and Elvira of Steinbach and Anna of Fresno, Calif.

Funeral service was held on Saturday in the Evangelical Mennonite church, Steinbach. Loewen Funeral Home was in charge.

#### Resident of Elm Creek Area Passes Away

Martin Thielmann, 59, of Elm Creek, Man., died at the Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg, on October 27, 1960. Funeral services were held on Monday at 2:00 p.m. from the Elm Creek Mennonite Brethren church.



Heavy traffic was streaming over the Disraeli Expressway just seconds after it was officially opened for public use on October 19. This view of the freeway shows the first cars and trucks to roll through the system. They are immediately behind the official cavalcade.

## Nigeria Independence Day Observation

Dear friends,

Independence holiday is over and we are back in the routine once again. We thank the Lord for His good hand upon us and we thank you for your prayers. In Lagos, the Federal Capital, the celebration went on for three weeks but throughout Nigeria the official holiday was Saturday, October 1, and Monday.

Very likely you have heard over radio, read in newspapers and seen on television the big doings in Lagos, with Princess Alexandra there to represent the Queen and to hand over the papers granting Independence to Nigeria. I would like to have been in Lagos myself, but I guess the crowds were great and the traffic heavy. Fine hospitality and courtesy was shown to visitors from all over the world and we have heard only good reports. The Congo, in contrast, has been in such turmoil, which makes us appreciate the blessings here more than ever.

Recently we had a service in the church. There was singing and prayer and giving forth of the Word and we showed some slides. It was a treat for the people. We showed the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, a sports reel and a Christian story.

Saturday was a big day, starting from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a break from 12 to 3. There were races, jumping and games such as ping pong, volleyball and football. The school children paraded and sang the new National Anthem. The people came out to take part or to watch and there was a fine spirit throughout the day. The Girls' Life Brigade also put on a display of marching and drilling. The people were quite impressed. It was the first time we had come out in our white uniforms with navy belts and hats (all made by the women here) — 30 girls, my two helpers and myself. I just wish these girls lived up to the G.L.B. standard, especially concerning obedience. Like so many others, they have the idea that independence means that they can do just as they please, with no one in authority over them. It is hard to get this idea out of their heads.

Sunday, October 2, we had a good crowd in church. Monday was a quiet day, for which I was very thankful. In the evening I showed them some slides, pictures taken here at Oyi. They certainly enjoyed seeing themselves on the screen. The church was filled. I think almost every person was present. The people in the hospital were not forgotten. The slides were shown to them Thursday evening and they were given a radio, which brings them much enjoyment. They can hear ELWA and get good music and messages in Yoruba.

Also during Independence celebrations the new Boys' Home was opened and it suddenly came alive



## The Cause of Foreign Missions

with many young people and Gabriel and Mary as their parents. We trust this will be a means of bringing great blessings to these boys. The Home is named "Jehovah Jir-eh." Garnet and Harry and I got busy and made signs for all our main buildings, using the different names for Jehovah. The Girls' Home is called "Jehovah Roi" (the Lord is my Shepherd), the crafts building, "Jehovah Tsidkenu" (the Lord our righteousness), the new reading room in the camp, "Jehovah Ozi" (the Lord our strength) etc.

We got two cows and had them butchered, so the people had special meals during the celebration. Ordinarily they get so little meat. Thus it has been a happy time and we thank the Lord for it. Permission was given for drumming in the camp at this special time and we expected much noise and rowdiness from some, but there was none at all! The Lord has answered our prayers and yours in our behalf and we are grateful for it.

Our airplane landing strip has become unusable because of heavy rains. To make it worse, an African lorry was driven down the middle to pick up farm produce at the other end. It got stuck several times so that much repair work is needed before planes will be able to land again. A slough covers part of the compound and my poor vegetable garden is flooded!

Mary B. King

(Received by Miss H. Knopf, Winnipeg.)

### Missionary Hostel to be Built at Kodaikanal, India

In former years our India mission owned a place in the hills at Ootacamund. This is a resort place to which our missionaries went during the hot months of the summer for a little rest and relaxation. It was also the place where there was a school for missionary children according to the British system. When the M.B. missionaries sent their children to Kodaikanal, the mission residence was no longer needed at Ootacamund, and was sold.

At present the missionary children attend the Union Mission School, both elementary and high school, at Kodaikanal, and our missionaries, by and large, go to Kodaikanal to spend the hot season and be together with their children. In 1949 our mission in India purchased a place at Kodaikanal with buildings to house missionaries and the children during the school months. However, since more missionaries are spending some time

during the summer months at Kodaikanal, additional residence room is needed.

It has now been decided and approved by the home board that a duplex be constructed at Kodaikanal to provide two more apartments for missionaries to live in during the hot months when they go to the hills to see their children. The proceeds from the sale of the Ootacamund property, however, will build only one half of this duplex. This matter is herewith committed to the prayers of God's people to the end that some special gifts may be forth-coming to enable the construction of the entire duplex. The funds from the sale of Ootacamund house are around \$2,000 and therefore another \$2,000 is necessary to complete the duplex at Kodaikanal.

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Dr. Henry Hildebrandt and Rev. Art Janz left for the Congo on Tuesday, October 25. Both men are from Steinbach and are missionaries under the Congo Inland Mission returning to their field of service.

### World Evangelism

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tural, political and economic expansion of the western white races into all parts of the world. The missionary with the message of the cross was carried on the crest of the tide. That movement of expansion has today been halted, it has been reversed. Missions today must learn to advance against the tide, accept suspicion, hatred and opposition and be prepared for open conflict with the organized forces of anti-Christian movements. The type of battle faced by the apostolic church is rapidly returning.

The message of Christ today stands in contrast to the revival of non-Christian religions. The modern educated Hindu no longer reacts passively or defensively to the Christian message. He boldly claims that his religion is equal in terms of truth and sufficiency in providing for the needs of man everywhere. In different forms but no less demanding and urgent is the universal claim being made by Buddhism and Mohammedanism. Christianity is challenged in its assertion to offer the final answer for man's need.

The birth of a single world civilization which raises the claim of equality in material benefits, technological progress and national independence, has removed the missionary from the position as the

herald of a better world and the representative of a higher culture. The prerogatives of retaining a superior economic level to the people he has come to serve are rejected as unchristian and unacceptable to the society whom he wishes to serve. "All things to all men" is a maximum unknown to a missionary of a decade or two ago.

Into the era of such revolutionary changes comes the boastful claim of an ungodly communistic utopia. Treacherous in its deceit and captivating in its promises of falsehood, the forces of the underworld have launched this offensive "against the Lord, and against his Anointed, saying, Let us break their bands assunder, and cast away their cords from us" (Psalm 2:2-3). Large parts of the world have been sealed off and no messenger of the Gospel can reach the millions behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains. Will the forces of evil triumph?

The M. B. Church on the occasion of its centennial observance must pause to review and re-evaluate its missionary calling and commitment. Its record of missionary zeal is facing the test of opposition, open conflict, economic sacrifice and the demand for lives. The forces of evil are loud and boastful in saying: "The great vision and courage of us Communists has never been marked by that of any past heroes in the annals of mankind." They rise in their claim to a charge of new attainments: "We Communists must possess the greatest courage and determination of mankind. . . . While we clearly see the difficulties confronting the cause of Communism, we are not the least daunted by them."

In opposition to the roaring waves of a rising tide stands the church of the living God. It is our opportunity to respond to the assignment of world evangelism in the face of a spiritual, racial and political world crisis. The Gospel of Christ is equal to the demand. The provisions of His sufficiency have been tested and tried. The voice of the great missionary of the past echoes across the tempest of our time in unwavering certainty: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us'" (Romans 8:35-37).

The turn of the first century in our history as a brotherhood demands a conscious restatement of our position to the missionary assignment in a revolutionary world. Is the "saving health among all nations" still the first assignment of trust which Christ has placed before the church? Let us respond with a new measure of faith, confidence, sacrifice and life. Our Christ is Lord and King.

## THE Young Observers

### Hello, Girls and Boys

What day of the week do you like best? Monday is the beginning of the new school week. Many of you will like Monday very well. A few of you—I hope it is only a few—don't care for Mondays!

God made today. He made yesterday. He makes all the days of the week. But the best of all days is Sunday. God wants us to choose Sunday as the best day of the week. Sunday is God's day.

It is on Sunday that mothers dress their little boys and girls in their best clothes and take them to Sunday school. You, who are bigger can get ready alone to go to God's house. Everyone who loves the Lord is very glad when it is Sunday, for that is the time to go to the House of the Lord.

Because it is God's day, big folk and little folk in churches all over the world sing songs to God. Do you like to sing songs of praise and love and thanksgiving?

The Sunday school teachers and the ministers like Sunday too. That is the day when they can speak to large groups about God's love. How can we make it a nice day for them? Here are some reminders for you. Be sure to come on time. Have your lesson prepared. Know your memory verse. Sit quietly in church. Listen carefully to what is being said.

Yes, Sunday is the best day of the week, for it is God's day. Remember to keep it holy.

Love, Aunt Helen

## Those Peppertons!

There they were again! Jennie tip-toed down the lane past the old-fashioned farm house. Maybe they wouldn't see her this time! She paused by the side of an apple tree and peeped around it. Would she never be able to get away from them? Those Peppertons!

Surrounding the farmhouse she could see six red-headed scarecrows, all different sizes. Of course they were real live boys, they just looked like scarecrows. Their hair always stood up on end and their jackets were short at the wrists and their jeans were baggy at the knees. They used bad language and worst of all—they threw stones!

Such boys! They never went to Sunday school, and half the time they weren't even in school. Though they lived on the next farm to her, Jennie found it hard to be nice to them. Every time she went by they pelted her with stones and called her names. They seemed to love to make her mad. Jennie wrinkled her nose. They were like the heathen in Africa!

Africa—! All of a sudden it dawned on her. Did the Lord expect her to witness to those Peppertons? Did He? Could it be that He wanted her to be a missionary right now and tell them of God's love?

It would take an awful, awful lot of courage to stop now and talk to them. Jennie leaned against the apple tree and thought hard. She had a Gospel of John right in her

pocket. Well, there was no better time than now!

She surprised herself by walking across the Peppertons' front lawn and straight for the six redheads. Not one of them moved when they saw her coming. When she was a few feet from the first one, she stopped and fumbled in her pocket for her Gospel of John. She opened the little book and held it up for all to see. Her mouth opened, but no words would come out.

"She's gonna preach to us," the tallest Pepperton observed with a grin.

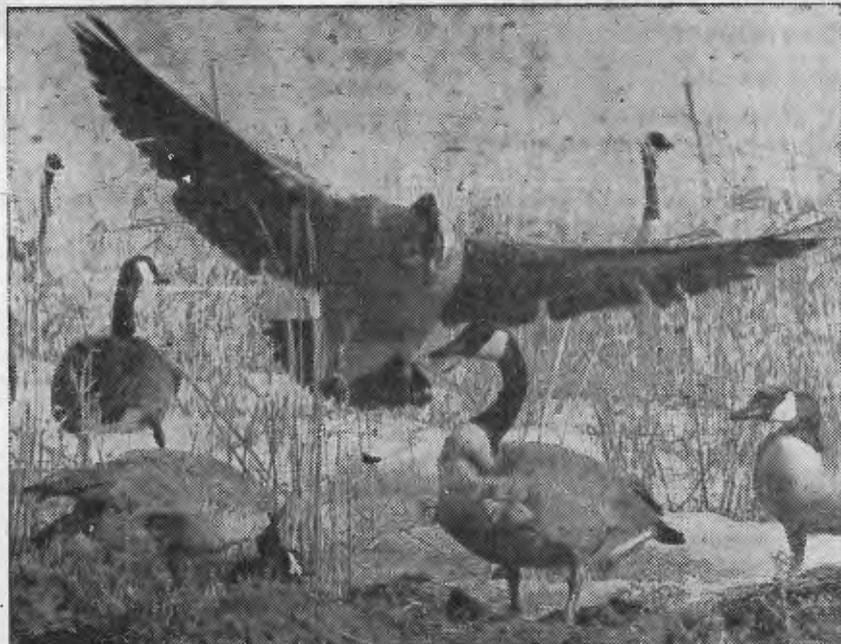
"Wants us ta go ta Sunday school," chuckled another Pepperton, stuffing his fist into his mouth to keep from laughing louder.

"Preacher-girl, preacher-girl," giggled the littlest Pepperton. "Preacher-girl's gonna convert us."

Jennie felt quick anger fill her heart. Tears began to come and her voice choked.

"You're just the dumbest, the meanest—" She turned to run and they didn't stop her. She reached the apple tree safely, but not before she heard the oldest Pepperton say sourly, "Preacher-girl better convert herself."

Why, oh why did it always happen this way? Jennie cried as she hurried along the road into town. Her temper, her awful temper! Whenever she was trying to help someone it just popped out and she said horrible things! She tried so hard to live her Christian life to



Just like the wild geese have left for the south in order to avoid the cold Canadian winter, so every girl and boy should flee to the loving Saviour in order to escape the coldness of a sinful life and damnation.

please the Lord. Why, oh why did she always forget and say unkind things?

The Peppertons teased her on purpose to make her mad. So did the kids at school. They knew she got mad easily. Her teacher at Sunday school knew it also, but she had told Jennie to pray about it, and ask God to help her control it. Jennie had tried, but it was so hard.

Jennie didn't see the Peppertons again until the following week when the farmers all went to the county fair. She went with her big brother Dave, who was entering his cow, Miranda. Dave had spent every spare minute getting the cow ready. She had had to be clipped and brushed and curried, her tail combed, her hoofs polished.

Dave was proud of Miranda and hoped to win first prize. When they arrived at the fair, Jennie noticed the Peppertons also had an entry in the same division.

"Stay here in the tent with Miranda," Dave told her. "I'll be a couple of hours helping to set up pens. You are sure you don't mind baby-sitting with Miranda?"

Jennie giggled. "You go ahead," she said. "I'll sit by Miranda and read."

An hour passed and the warm sun made her sleepy. She closed the flap on their small tent and snuggled down in the hay beside the cow. If she fell asleep it wouldn't matter.

She didn't remember falling asleep, but sometime later she awoke with a start when she felt the tent shake. At first she thought it was the wind, but after she had rubbed the sleep out of her eyes, she saw the six red-headed Peppertons inside the tent, all around her!

One boy had been kneeling down on the other side of the cow and Jennie jumped up quickly. She thought of screaming, but knew

everybody was down at the far end of the grounds, putting up tents. Those Peppertons! Had they come to get even with her?

No! All of a sudden Jennie guessed the answer. They wanted to hurt Miranda so their own cow would win the prize!

Never had Jennie felt so furious with anyone. The mean words were bottled up inside, just waiting to burst out. Oh, the things she would say to them now! To think that they would be sneaky enough to try to hurt Miranda! If Dave were here they wouldn't have dared.

But Dave wasn't there, and Jennie was all ready to tell them what she thought when she heard, "Preacher-girl better convert herself."

She looked at each Pepperton quickly. Had one of them spoken?

No, the voice must have come from her own heart. She swallowed down the words she had wanted to say and smiled just a little. It was the hardest thing Jennie had ever done. She closed her mouth tightly and just kept on smiling until the awful feeling began to smooth away.

One by one the Peppertons ducked their heads and slipped out of the tent. When they were all gone Jennie dropped down in the straw and put her arms around Miranda's neck. Somehow she felt as though a battle had been won. She had let the Lord Jesus win over her temper and it was a wonderful feeling. Maybe next time it would be easier.

Those Peppertons! The youngest one was sticking his head through the tent flap and grinning.

"Say, preacher-girl, yer all right!" he said. "We're sorry—we won't hurt yer cow." His head disappeared and another quickly took its place.

"Hey, what was it ya were gonna tell us about that book ye've got?"

## Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(10th Instalment)

"Really, Nancy, you're priceless!" He sounded amused, almost contemptuous. "How can a boy and a girl possibly be friends without—well—!" And he finished with a shrug.

Nancy's gaze never wavered. "Without 'flirting', you mean?" she said, with an outspokenness that surprised even herself.

His expression changed, and she saw the sudden flash of anger in his eyes. "I didn't say that!" he retorted, quickly.

"No, Trevor. But that's what you meant, isn't it?"

It was several moments before he ventured a reply, and when he did he was very much on the defensive.

"Oh, well", he argued, rather lamely, "there's no harm in it, anyway—everybody does it."

"But that's no reason why we should, Trevor."

"Well, perhaps not," he admitted, reluctantly, "but you've never raised any objections before, have you?"

"No." Nancy drew a deep breath. "But you see, Trevor, I've found Christ now, and..."

"And so I can't kiss you good night?"

There was a note of mockery in his voice that made her wince, but she stood her ground.

"Please, Trevor—" she pleaded, "do try to understand what I mean! If we were going together seriously that would be different, but do you really think that all this love-making should come into a friendship?"

"O—well—" He seemed to be searching for words. "After all, a fellow's entitled to something in return for his friendship, isn't he?"

"Oh, I see!" Nancy's fingers closed around the handle of the car door, while she drew herself up with quiet dignity. "If that's the way you look at it, Trevor, then I'm afraid there's nothing more to be said." And with that she flung open the door and stepped out on to the roadway.

"I say, Nancy—!" Suddenly galvanized into action, Trevor scrambled out of the car himself and in a moment was beside her. "What's the matter? What have I done—?"

She stood and faced him, a slim resolute figure in the shadows. "You seem to have set the price on your friendship, Trevor," she told him,

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Wanna tell us? We'll listen."

Those Peppertons! Jennie smiled and pulled out her Gospel of John.

By Lois Handley Dick

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"and if that's the case—well, I'd rather not have your friendship, that's all."

She turned on her heel and would have walked away, but he took a quick step aside and intercepted her.

"Nancy, listen to me!" he cried, catching her by the arm. "We can't part like this!"

"Why not, Trevor?"

Trevor breathed hard. Her coolness nettled him... No girl had ever talked to him like this before, and he didn't quite know how to handle the situation. He should have let her go, he told himself; but somehow the thought of losing her filled him with a vague kind of alarm. Oddly enough, he was attracted more to her now than he had ever been; in fact, he had suddenly become aware of qualities possessed by this girl that set her far above any other girl he had ever met. If a man wanted to settle down, he thought to himself, this was the kind of girl he would choose...

"Nancy," he said, quickly, "I'm sorry! I never thought of it that way before. I didn't realize that I wasn't being fair to you—and I'm sorry."

There could be no doubting the sincerity of his words, and Nancy smiled her acknowledgment. "That's all right, Trevor—I'm glad we understand one another."

"Nancy—" He came a-step nearer to her side. "Let's decide this once and for all! What's the use of just going on 'being friends'? Won't you promise me something more?" he pleaded.

Nancy remained outwardly calm, but the light she saw in his eyes made her pulses quicken. "You mean—that you want us to start going together seriously, Trevor?" she asked.

"Yes, we must!" he declared, with passionate enthusiasm. "I know this, Nancy—there's only one girl in the world for me!"

But Nancy shook her head. "That's what you think now, Trevor, but you might change your mind—"

"Change my mind?" he echoed, blankly. "No, Nancy—never!"

But still she demurred. "But you don't realize, Trevor—our lives could quite easily work out along entirely different lines—"

"But I would always want you, Nancy!"

"No!" She smiled. "I might even be a hindrance in your climb to the top, and then you'd be sorry."

"Sorry?" he echoed, passionately.

"Why, if I had you, I'd be the happiest man in the world!"

Although she was determined not to be swayed by his overtures, there was something in her heart that warmed at his words; yet she knew that this was not the time for committal. Everything else must wait until she knew better where the great decision she had already made would lead her...

"I really think we ought to wait awhile, Trevor," she told him, resolutely, "and leave things as they are for the present."

"And just be friends?" His disappointment was plain to see.

"Yes, Trevor—just friends." Their eyes met in a meaningful glance, and she knew that he had not missed the full significance for her words. "I'm sure it's better that way for a while."

He mastered himself with an effort. "All right, Nancy," he said resignedly. "Whatever you want—I'll leave it to you."

"Thank you, Trevor." She gave him a grateful smile. "And now I think we ought to say goodnight..."

"Er—yes—I suppose so." He seemed a little awkward as he opened the gate for her and closed it again as she passed quickly through.

"Thank you, Trevor," she said, again, "Goodnight."

"Goodnight, Nancy—"

He followed her with his eyes along the narrow garden path until she was lost to sight in the shadows; then he turned and walked slowly back to the car.

### CHAPTER VII

#### Musings at the Manse

The old-fashioned clock on the sitting-room mantelpiece had struck eleven long before Maxwell Brandon and his wife could even contemplate retiring for the night. There were always so many little things to be attended to on Sunday night when the busy round of the day was over, and it was only after Pauline, tired but happy, had eventually followed the children to bed that Margaret Brandon was able to persuade her husband to relax for a few minutes in the big cretonne-covered chair by the fireplace—the chair that somehow had already come to be regarded as his. And as she stood beside him with the glass of hot milk that she always prepared for him at bed-time, he looked up at her with an affectionate smile.

"Really, Margaret, you shouldn't have worried about this tonight," he remonstrated, gently, as he put out his hand to take the tray.

"Indeed I should!" she returned, with a smile. "You need it, dear."

"But it's late," he protested, "and you must be so tired!"

"Not nearly as tired as you are, Maxwell," she reminded him, seating herself on the broad arm of his chair. "You've had a heavy day."

"Yes." He took a sip from the steaming glass. "But I feel it has

been very worth while, Margaret."

"I'm sure it has, dear."

"You really think so?" Her encouragement always meant much to him, and he valued her opinion above anybody else's, favourable or unfavourable.

"Yes, dear, I'm sure of it," she answered, with conviction. "I'll never forget tonight—it was wonderful!"

He looked at her enquiringly. "The fellowship, you mean?" he queried.

She nodded. "Yes, I've never heard anything like Nancy Norwood's singing. She has a beautiful voice."

"She has," agreed her husband, thoughtfully. Then after a pause he went on, "The Lord has performed one miracle at Southdown Grove today, Margaret."

"The first of many, dear," suggested Margaret, with quiet confidence.

He looked up at her with a smile. "Yes, Margaret, I'm sure you're right—and this is certainly a great encouragement."

"Tell me about it, dear," she urged, although she had already guessed the story he had to tell; but she liked to hear him relate the things that brought such joy to the hearts of them both.

So he began to recount the outstanding events of the day, and as he did so his face seemed to lose its tired expression and a new vitality came into his voice.

"From the very outset of the meeting this morning I felt in my heart that there was somebody there who needed Christ, and as soon as I set eyes on Nancy Norwood I knew who it was!" he concluded.

"She certainly seems a different girl tonight," observed Margaret.

"Thanks be to God, she is!" returned Maxwell Brandon, fervently. "That's the miracle, Margaret—another 'new creature' in Christ."

"Yes."

They sat for several minutes in silence, for although they had seen it happen so often before, Maxwell Brandon and his wife never ceased to marvel at each fresh evidence of the power of the Gospel in souls redeemed and lives transformed. It was Margaret presently who spoke.

"You know, Maxwell, I feel there is a great future ahead for that girl."

He looked up quickly. "With her singing—?"

"Yes."

"Well, you remember what Trevor said—?"

"About being a 'prima donna'?"

He nodded, but Margaret smiled as she shook her head. "After the way she sang tonight, I'd be very surprised if she ever took up that kind of career."

"So would I," her husband agreed. "I am sure she meant what she sang tonight, and a voice like that consecrated to the Lord's service—"

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## MCC News & Notes

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

(Conclusion)

The road through Mexico covers about 2000 miles, a long stretch. Besides the day on the flatcar, we spent five days driving through Mexico with much beautiful scenery and many wonderful experiences along the way. Whereas we had expected Mexico to be hot with much desert waste and cactus, all the very northern part was tree covered and mountains with black-top road and cool temperatures. We really enjoyed Mexico!

Coming into Tapachula where we had to take the train, we found that we had to load the car by 3:00 p.m. but would not leave till 6:00 a.m. This tied up our camping equipment for the night. The town was so dirty and unappealing, that we were thankful to find a nice clean home adjoining the Nazarene church near the depot, whose Christian inmates offered it to us for the night. There were no extra beds and they could offer no food, so we made out with very little, remembering that we would have to carry everything back to the car early in the morning. It was clean and had a nice shower room where we could clean up. In the evening we saw these Christians worship in their way, which was different from ours, but we felt the living Presence of our Lord, Whom we worshipped together in this little Mexican town.

On this train we were supposed to buy first class tickets to ride in

our car, but second class to ride in their second class coaches. So most of us spent the day in the coaches. At every stop we saw Mexican food being peddled along the tracks—full meals served on a pancake-like tortilla. We had cantaloupe, watermelon, crackers, cookies and oranges.

The next day's drive took us into Puebla beside the beautiful snow-capped volcanic mountains of Popocatepetl (altitude 17,893 ft.) and Ixtaccihuatl (17,343 ft.). Here we got directions to a motel, the first on our trip. Stores had a variety of foods, and we made a nice supper on our little primus stove. After cleaning up and packing on Sunday morning, we paused for morning devotions in our cabin. While singing "How Great Thou Art," there was a knock at the door. Missionaries who were staying next door had heard our singing and asked if they could join us. They were leader and students from Biola (California) preparing for mission work here. We did enjoy this coincidence!

Reaching great Mexico City in the afternoon, we looked for the Wycliff mission house, known affectionately by the missionaries to the Indians of Mexico as "The Kettle." Here again in the usually overfull house, we found an apartment just vacated, which was most heartily offered to us. Was all this incidental? We certainly have the conviction that it was not, but that

the Lord continued before us leading us by "the cloud" as it were. We enjoyed the Family Night on this Sunday evening when missionaries in the Kettle related wonderful experiences they were having. We met workers, and mention especially Howard Klassens and Viola Warkentin. Here, as in their work in Peru, was the printing service which put into printing the tribe's languages which were being put into writing. We saw the Zocalo, a great plaza in the center of the city and viewed it all around from the tall 42-story bank building. We went through the anthropology museum, viewing the Indian excavations. In this big city were many U.S. tourists. Mexicans didn't always appreciate them and took advantage of them, as was the case in the garage which checked our car. Though the things they fixed were more or less the same after the job, they charged over \$60, besides stealing some of our tools. Driving was more difficult here than anywhere else, because the bravest took the right of way, even on crowded street corners. Highways had no markers, and we had a hard time getting on the "turnpike." It had its origin not in Mexico City but in a small town near the city, and there were no signs. We were by now calculating that we might arrive "home" Aug. 25, our 17th wedding anniversary.

Somewhat more than a day's drive over very good highways brought us to Nuevo Ideal, beyond Durango, where we wished to make contact with our Old Colony Mennonites. We found the mission workers of the M.B. conference and their very adequate headquarters. Here are modern apartments and a nicely equipped hospital not in use. It is very hard to get any evangelical workers into Mexico. Churches have to be registered and have local leaders and pastors. Mission workers have to come in under some other vocation. The Wycliff people came in as translators. The missionaries here are a Durango Mennonite boy and his Mexican wife, and a Mexican Indian with his American wife. It seemed such a shame that here was a wonderful set-up and no one to use it. We felt like getting right to work!

We were taken through a part of the Old Colony by Mr. Wiebe of the mission. Everyone was friendly and eager to hear of their brethren in Paraguay but that was as far as our contact with the people went. We were eager to show them pictures and tell them about Paraguay but the leader of the church said he could not permit his people to get this kind of information because he felt it would make for trouble in the church. We saw one cheesefactory which handles 10 tons of milk a day and processes good cheese. Their fields were fruitful, raising mostly corn and beans. Houses were all of adobe brick without whitewash,

transportation by horse and buggy, and tractors were widely used, but with lugs instead of rubber tires.

Another long day's drive brought us to Cuauhtemoc, in the state of Chihuahua where there is another settlement of Old Colony Mennonites. Here we found lodging in the G. C. Mennonite mission house and fellowship with the housemother, the nurses and the hospital administrator, who live together there and serve in the community hospital in Cuauhtemoc. We also had contact with Rev. Bergen, preacher for the Mennonites of Cuauhtemoc (mostly Russian refugees) and showed our slides in his church that evening. For Sunday service we were privileged to go to one of the many Old Colony Mennonite churches there. The sermon we heard was basically Christian with emphasis on its application to Christian living.

The missions at work in both Nuevo Ideal and Cuauhtemoc see the lack of testimony existing among our Mennonite colonies. So far they have not been able to win their cooperation in mission activities or to influence them to a fuller life. We must realize, however, that historically, our heritage has the same background and we hope that someone who understands them will sometime be able to begin work with their young people, bringing them into a fuller Christian life.

Soon after noon the next day we crossed our last customs and could hardly believe we were in our dear U.S.A. Highways were super and there were more than enough highway signs to direct us. At first the children would call our attention to churches but we no longer stopped to inquire of the pastors about conditions and the way ahead. Daddy put in the first order for gas in the filling station in Spanish. We couldn't get used to the idea that after three months we were in U.S.A.!

We were starting to doubt if we should stop at Carlsbad Caverns as we had planned. We were anxious to keep going but when we had some distributor trouble just before White City and had to be hauled in, we used the time to see this wonder of nature. It is immense and wonderful but just as interesting to find that up to 4000 people from all over the world are going through the caves daily. 400 were in our tour.

We can barely stop for night, even though we are getting ahead of schedule. On Aug. 24 we stop in Turpin, Okla., at our friends, the Rev. Levi Koehns, to clean up a bit and enjoy a bountiful dinner in this friendly home. By the time we came to Hutchinson, words fail to describe our feelings! Almost home after 94½ days spent on the trip, 53 days were spent driving in our car, four days were spent on train flatcars and two days were

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Fehrs in Cuauhtemoc colony.

# NEWS from HERE and THERE

**Canada** — The community of the Brethren of Early Christianity which consists of 12 families totaling 94 persons, owning and operating about 1,200 acres some 20 miles south of Kitchener, nearly doubled its population recently when it was joined by a group from a Hutterite colony in Cardstone, Alta. The local brethren colony under the leadership of its founder, Julius Kubassuk, is well-known for a breed of geese which they have developed—a meat-type fowl with a minimum of fat. They appear regularly at the market with dressed geese and many other products from their farm, where they live as a closed colony, even conducting their own school.

**Issue charter for Graham crusade in Philadelphia**

The Philadelphia courts have issued a non-profit charter in the name of the Billy Graham Greater Philadelphia Crusade. This legalizes the solicitation of funds and administration of the crusade offerings. The crusade is scheduled to open next July for an eight-week duration.

**Mormons invade eastern Canada**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) has formed its first diocese (stake) in eastern Canada. The action was taken at a recent conference in Toronto. Mormons entered Canada one hundred years ago, have four stakes in Alberta and begin the new stake, embracing Ontario and Quebec, with 5,300 members—three times the number claimed in 1950.

**U.S.A.** — The value of new church construction during July set a new record of \$89,000,000, the U.S. Census Bureau reported. This was five million dollars above June and three million more than the July record set a year ago. It brought church construction for the first seven months of the year to a total of \$563,000,000, a nine per cent increase over the same period of 1959.

**Israel** — A small group of Seventh-Day Adventists from the United States and Canada have emigrated to Israel. They are the first organized Christian group to be granted official status in Israel as recognized immigrants and land

settlers with all the rights of material and moral aid involved. Like their Jewish neighbors, Adventists observe Saturday as their Sabbath.

**Sera, India** — A Japanese all-woman expedition has reached the summit of the 20,000-foot Deo Tibbea peak in the Punjab Himalayas, according to a message received at the base camp recently.

## WEDDINGS

### Peters — Heppner

The Mennonite Brethren church in Hepburn, Sask., was the scene of a lovely fall wedding. Uniting in marriage on October 7 were Joyce Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heppner of Hepburn, and Daniel John, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Peters of Saskatoon.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. A. Redekopp assisted by Rev. Jacob Bergen. Miss Deanna Heppner, sister of the bride, accompanied at the organ with Miss Tena Hamm as soloist. Miss Lena Dirksen was bridesmaid and Lois Lepp the flower girl. Walter Peters, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man.

After the reception in the lower auditorium of the church, the young couple left for their wedding trip to Banff and Jasper and since then have taken up residence at 1724 Ave. F. North, Saskatoon, Sask.

### Isaak — Loewen

North Battleford, Sask. — At a recent ceremony in the North Battleford Mennonite church, Wilma

Loewen, became the wife of Walter Isaak, both of Glenbush, Rev. A. Pauls officiated and Rev. Jake Loewen served with an appropriate address. Henry Bartel sang "O Perfect Love" and "Wedding Hymn." Mrs. John Loewen played the wedding music. The Isaaks now reside at 306-28 St. W. Saskatoon. Wilma has a psychiatric nursing position at the University Hospital, while Walter works at an automobile service station. Prior to her marriage Wilma served one year with MCC at Kingsview hospital, Reedley, Cal.

### Falk — Reimer

Clearbrook, B.C. — Approximately 700 guests, many from Vancouver and other valley centers, attended the wedding in Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren church October 7 of Hilda Reimer and John Falk. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reimer, Clear-

brook, and her bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Falk, Huntingdon road. Rev. C. D. Toews officiated. The bride's brother, John, and his wife came from Prince George for the event. Also among the special guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Enns, of Vancouver

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## NO TIME TO READ ?

"I'd like to read more, but I just don't seem to have time."

Have you ever heard that lament, or said it yourself? If so, you have thousands of fellow mourners, always going to read more, but never getting around to it. They realize that they're missing one of life's best enjoyments as well as valuable mental exercise, but they class reading with the weather—that wonderful thing that everyone talks about, but nobody does anything about.

If you'd like to do something about reading, start now with these facts. If you are an average late-teens or young adult reader, you can read an ordinary book at about 240 words a minute, getting meaning and pleasure out of them. These aren't technical books on science, mathematics, or any subject new to you, but most novels, biographies, and hobby books.

Statistics give some more clues. If you can read 240 words a minute, then in 15 minutes you can read 3,600 words. That's a little over 25,000 a week, 100,000 a month, and 1,200,000 a year. Since the average book for popular reading runs between 50,000 and 70,000 words, that's about 17 books a year!

Even though these statistics may not describe you exactly, they do hint at how much more reading you might do than seems possible.

The secret of getting around to reading is expecting to do it. Famous people in every walk of life have been steady readers in spite of little spare time. One of the greatest was Sir William Osler, an English physician whose textbooks are still used to train many of today's medical students. As a practicing doctor, teacher, writer, lecturer, and researcher, Osler had few spare hours. Yet, outside his medical specialty, he read widely enough to become a scholar in English literature.

While he was still a medical student, he realized that he might never even read the daily news if he didn't devise a system to fit his

# YOUTH IN ACTION

own days, so for the rest of his life he read non-technical material just a half hour before going to sleep. As a medical man, he knew the body's need for enough sleep; so all-night reading wasn't for him. But he also knew that reading relaxes the body while it helps limber the mind. He planned for a half hour at the end of each day and read more each year than many people get to in a lifetime.

The answer for you may not be a half hour before bedtime, or even 15 minutes then, but in every day there is probably a small spare block of time that could be filled with reading. Find that time and use it.

Here's how some people do it. Jack has two favorite daily news programs on radio. Unfortunately, one is from 5:00 to 5:15, the other from 5:30 to 5:45. He used to spend the 15-minute gap between them listening to another program he never really liked. Finally, out of boredom, he picked up a book and started looking at it, then reading it. Now, between programs, he reads every day in time he never knew he had.

Becky was another "someday" reader. She even made out a long list of books she would read when she had the hundreds of hours it would take. School reading, a part-time job, and an otherwise busy life seemed to take up all her spare time until she really started looking for spare minutes. The best block seemed to be in the morning in the bus on the way to school. She lived almost across town and seldom knew anyone on the bus. Now, instead of just looking aimlessly out the window, she looks into a favorite book. The trip seems faster than the nearly 20 minutes it takes, and at last she's doing what used to seem impossible.

When you actually decide to find time for reading, there are a few more points to consider. The first is what to read. Here your parents, teachers, librarians, and other reliable guides will be glad to make suggestions if, unlike Becky, you don't already have things in mind.

Outside suggestions from experienced readers will probably sound like some words by Thoreau, even though they're not put the same way: "Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all." The best books are both old and new, light and serious, big and small; so find the ones that suit you and get at them. Occasionally, reread an old favorite, just for the fun of it.

Another point is the temptation to read too much, especially when first starting a reading plan. Real life still comes before living in

books; so keep your balance. Otherwise you're in danger of becoming the bookworm James Russell Lowell described this way: "A reading machine, always wound up and going. He mastered whatever was not worth knowing."

Finally, remember these tips from busy people who are well read:

1. Set aside a little part of the day—every day when possible—for reading as recreation. This good habit lasts a lifetime.

2. Learn to read in spite of distractions. There isn't always an ideal place, time, or condition for reading, but learning to get lost in a book isn't impossible.

3. Read while you're waiting for other things to happen. Sitting at the dentist's office, waiting for a phone call, half watching something cooking on the stove? These are good minutes for reading, and there are more if you watch for them.

4. Have something to read at hand. Then there's no excuse, no time lost hunting for something to fill spare time. Ideally, you might even be one book ahead of yourself, knowing what you want to read after finishing your current book, and having it handy. After all, you'll probably find, as most regular readers do, that one good book leads to another—and another and another.

By Marian Pohowsky

Reprinted from Youth's Christian Companion

## Youth's Opportunities

Youth faces an open door. It whispers its great messages, points to its great goals, calls for hard labour and application, for clean living and the avoidance of that which will hurt or defile the soul, and measures the ground for laying the foundations of future strength and character. In the bracing air and golden light of youth things can be planned and things can be done which afterwards cannot be planned, cannot be achieved. The metals of life are molten and can be worked into almost any form that is desired. But when this metal has cooled with the years it cannot be worked. One day, whether youth has been used or misused, slowly but inexorably its golden door begins to close, and soon the door is shut. No self-deception, no assumed but unreal energies, no art of the beauty shop or the dress-maker or the hair-dresser, can hide the fact that the door is shut and youth is gone.

That voice which rings out of the Old Testament, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy

youth" (Eccles. 12:1), applies not only to that greatest interest of life, the soul's relationship to God, but to all that is good and desirable in life.

C. E. Macartney

## Manitoba M. B. Youth Conference

The annual M.B. Youth Conference of Manitoba under the leadership of William Schroeder, was held in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg on October 29—30.

The theme of the conference was "The Challenge of the Centennial!" Rev. John G. Baerg, pastor of the Virgil M.B. Church, Ontario, presented two messages on Saturday, "The Challenge of the Centennial in the Personal Life" and "The Challenge to Missions in our Centennial Year."

On Sunday afternoon Rev. F. C. Peters spoke on "The Challenge of the Centennial in our Church Life" and Rev. I. W. Redekopp brought the closing message of the Conference on Sunday night by speaking on "The Challenge of the Centennial in our Home Life." Dr. George Froese, Missionary to India spoke on the challenge of missions.

Special musical numbers were supplied by the M.B. Collegiate Choir, the M. B. Bible College Choir, the Gospel Light Hour Group, by the soloist Mr. Peter Koslowsky and by Martha and Wanda Konrad who played violin duets.

A debate, "Resolved that prosperity is good for Christianity," led by Mr. Jake Dueck, was vividly presented. No decision was reached in the contest.

Mr. Frank Friesen, jr., of Morden, presented bursaries to two Bible College students, namely, to Miss Mabel Friesen, Winkler and to John Isaak, Springstein and another two to Winkler Bible School students. The latter two were Miss Lydia Nikkel, Elm Creek and Bill Poetker, Lena, Man.

The meeting gave evidence of God's presence for which the young people are very grateful.

## The Dollar I Gave to God

Three thousand for my brand new car,

Four thousand for a piece of sod,  
Ten thousand I paid to begin a house

A dollar I gave to God.  
A tidy sum to entertain  
My friends in pointless chatter,  
And when the world goes crazy mad

I ask, "Lord, what is the matter?"  
Yet there is one big question  
For the answer I still search;  
"With things so bad in this old world,  
What's holding back my church?"

## EDUCATION SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

### Studies Resumed at Pniel

**Winkler, Man.** — On October 11, 1960, another school year commenced at Pniel Bible School. Enrolled are students from all four Western provinces and Ontario.

The main emphasis during the first week at school was the Bible Conference with morning sessions held in the school chapel and the evening service held in the local M. B. church. Speakers at the Conference were Rev. D. D. Derksen, Boissevain, and Rev. Harvey Gossett, Brandon. The topics of their messages were "Sanctification" and "Discipleship" respectively. The school choir sang during the evening services.

On Sunday night, October 15, the opening program of the school was held in the M. B. church which was filled to capacity. The principal of our school, Mr. John Goossen, made the opening remarks. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Rudy Baerg, rendered several songs. A string quartet and ladies' trio also served. After several testimonies from the students, Mr. L. Doerksen, the new instructor, gave the message in the English language. His theme was "A Prayer for Guidance." Rev. D. D. Derksen brought the German message, entitled "Wir halten an dem Wort des Lebens," based on Phil. 2:15,16.

The school has begun another year of blessings, and we solicit your faithful prayer support for the whole year.

Lydia Nikkel

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### Eden Christian College

The first Eden Christian College Parent-Teachers Meeting of the current year was held on Tuesday evening, October 25, at the College. This meeting came after the October student progress reports had been issued. Approximately 160 parents were present. Opportunity was given to see the building and examine present facilities. The evening program consisted of interviews of parents by individual teachers, a short period of discussion and fellowship, and lunch in the dining hall.

A spirit of genuine interest and enthusiasm was evident throughout the entire evening. A new venture this year was the introduction of the idea of an Eden Christian College Ladies' Auxiliary. This Auxiliary is to be open to any mother of the present students as well as mothers of future students. In this way ladies in all of the churches from which our students have come will become better acquainted with the school and will be given the

opportunity to help along in a practical manner.

Parents expressed the hope that such meetings be held more frequently.

R. Bartel, principal

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### 150 Colleges Represented at Inauguration of Bethel's New President

**North Newton, Kans.** — Dr. Vernon H. Neufeld was formally inaugurated as the seventh president of Bethel College Thursday morning, Oct. 13. The investiture was performed by Dr. E. G. Kaufman, president emeritus, who presented a 20-inch replica of the Bethel College seal to Dr. Neufeld. The charge was read by Menno Schrag, chairman of the college board of directors.

The inaugural address was given by Dr. James I. McCord, president of Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, where Dr. Neufeld received his Ph.D. degree in June, 1960.

Among those attending the ceremony besides faculty, students and friends of Bethel College, were approximately 150 representatives from colleges and universities across the United States.

In his inaugural address entitled "The Recovery of the Personal," Dr. McCord stated that the key to higher education in a revolutionary world lies in Christian colleges such as Bethel, which produce students disciplined and dedicated to the fusing together of faith in God and man.

Dr. McCord discussed four significant events which he felt affected the role of higher education: "Dawning of an ecumenical or international era in world politics;" "revolution for independence sweeping through what were once colonies of other nations;" "the current scientific revolution which is based on the proposition that technical reason will overcome all problems;" and "the danger of making ourselves in the image of what we oppose."

"In this period colleges dedicated to Christ must give their students faith in knowledge and man, hope in man and tomorrow, all based on their faith in God," Dr. McCord said.

The invocation was by Dr. H. A. Fast, Dr. Erland Waltner, president of Mennonite Biblical Seminary, read the Scripture, Rev. Russel Mast offered prayer, and Dr. P. E. Schellenberg led in the dedicatory service, after which Dr. Neufeld gave his response. Greetings to the new president were given by Rev. E. J.

Miller, director of development of the college.

Dr. Neufeld, 40, the youngest president in the history of the college, assumed administrative duties last July 1. He joined the Bethel faculty in 1959 as professor of Bible.

Dr. Neufeld and his wife, Ruth, are natives of Shafter, Calif., where both grew up on the farm and where they had farmed before and after he graduated from Bethel College in 1949. He graduated from Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 1954.

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### Mennonite Seminary in Montevideo, Uruguay

President E. Litweiler

About 16,000 German-speaking Mennonites have settled in colonies and rural communities in Paraguay, Brazil and Uruguay. Others reside in the capital cities of Buenos Aires, Asuncion and Montevideo, as well as the metropolitan centers of Sao Paulo and Curitiba in Brazil.

The conviction that God has a purpose in scattering the Mennonites through lower Latin America caused them to unite their spiritual forces in the great cause of making Christ known.

From this emerged a vision of a Bible training school to prepare young men and women for the formidable spiritual tasks that await them. Inspired by a great potential of young people and a need, this school became a reality in 1956. That first group of students has now grown to 40 young people who are giving full time to preparation and six more are doing their year of practical work.

The seminary is doing something to and for the churches. It makes it possible for the German and Spanish cultures to meet. It challenges to unity and it trains local leaders.

Present seminary quarters have become inadequate. Chapel, dining and kitchen facilities are cramped. To overcome this a three and one half acre lot beautifully situated in the centre of Montevideo was purchased. On this plot of ground there are two substantial buildings which can be remodeled to serve the immediate needs. The South American brethren are confident that the brotherhood in North America will support them in the building project which is being drawn up.

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### Ontario Bible School

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gregation included many visitors and friends from the supporting constituency. Principal Wilmer Kornelson, chairman for the evening, called upon the congregation to join him in praise to God for what He had done to make another Bible school year possible. The student body served with choir selections under the direction of Ed Boldt.

Mrs. William Baerg will be teaching in the music department.

Two students, Joyce Schimpky and John Klassen, gave brief testimonies with respect to their Bible school experience. John Eckert, alumnus '54, in a further testimony declared that Bible school had not made him rich, nor more popular, nor immune to sin and temptation, nor had it led to a better job, but it had led him out of a spiritual eclipse which had cast a pall over his life.

Walter Wiebe, instructor at the school, spoke to the congregation on the topic, "Spiritual Maturity: An Adequate Goal for a Bible School Year," based on Ephesians 4:13-16. David Wiens, Kitchener, chairman of the Bible School Board, directed words of greeting to students and teachers and closed the meeting with prayer.

Saturday, November 12, is Alumni Homecoming Day, sponsored jointly by the alumni organization and the faculty. Alumni and visitors will attend regular classes together with students in the morning. A devotional-inspirational meeting will mark the afternoon, and in the evening the alumni organization will conduct its annual business session.

Walter Wiebe

### From Asuncion to Newton

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on the ship, leaving 35½ days for stopovers. Of the 53 days spent driving, 40 days were in the mountains. Our mileage direct was 9,461 miles, with side trips 11,187 miles, besides 400 miles on ocean liner and about 400 miles by train. We had car trouble only once, and no flat tires. Of sickness we had almost nothing, just minor stomach upsets a few times. We camped with our tent five nights and we spent three nights on our cots without putting up our tent. We stayed in hotels three nights, in motels two nights, in churches three nights and in a fruit company guesthouse one night; the remainder we spent with missionaries in their homes or in guesthouses of 23 different denominations.

We only had 19 meals in restaurants. We did our laundry in washing machines nine times and crocheted 10 potholders while driving, which we left along the way, the last one going to our "Großma". We had opportunity to show our mission slides 27 times and our program on "Paraguay, Its Land and People," six times.

In closing we do give thanks to all who so faithfully remembered us in prayer during our travels, for we can testify that the Lord prepared the way for us in detail, answering the many prayers. Now we request that you remember us that we might be given the grace to really be a blessing as we share our experiences of our mission work and of the trip with our friends here.

Elim Bible School, Fernheim, Paraguay



Photo to your left: Faculty, left to right: Hans Wiens, Heinrich Loewen, Henry C. Born, Willy Jaaz and Peter Klassen. — Photo to your right: Graduates with class sponsor, Henry C. Born at the left, Mrs. Annie Pankratz and Abram Pankratz, Friesland; Heinrich Wiebe, Curitiba, Brazil; Olga Mensch, Volendam; Luise Voth, Friesland. See also the picture on front page of this issue and the "Elim Bible School" report of the previous issue, page 1.

Announcement

The annual meeting of the Mennonite Disaster Service of Saskatchewan will be held Nov. 19, 1960 at the Mayfair Mennonite church Saskatoon, Sask.

There will be a business meeting in the morning at 10 o'clock for members of the council and contact men (congregational representatives).

The general public is invited to the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. A report will be given of the recent meeting of members of the executive with Civil Defense Officers in Regina. There will be further

information on the work of MDS. The guest speaker of the afternoon will be Rev. Harry E. Martens, Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana.

John Garman.

Board of General Welfare

About 150 packages of new and used German books have been mailed to South America for use in the Bible schools and churches. These books were contributed during the past triennium by individuals and churches in the United States. Four hundred German Sunday school quarterlies are regularly sent out for the use of the churches. A total of 180 copies of the "Confession of Faith" were shipped to Paraguay.

The Board of General Welfare office is making preparations for the General Conference sessions in Reedley, Calif., to be held November 12-16. The Board's report to the conference will emphasize the necessity of compassion in today's

needy world. A display will depict the experiences of the brotherhood as it has witnessed and suffered for the Gospel and present the challenge of communism to Christianity today.

George L. Classen has been appointed by the K. M. B. Conference to serve on the M. B. Board of General Welfare during the coming conference term. K. M. B. representatives will serve on M. B. committees as part of the integration process of the conference interests of the two brotherhoods. Brother Classen has served as chairman of the K. M. B. Peace and Welfare Committee.

Sao Paulo, Brazil, was recently visited by Gerhard Balzer, chairman of the South American Conference. Brethren Balzer and Abram J. Dick, a member of the Kitchener, Ont., Mennonite Brethren Church, serving as MCC worker in Sao Paulo, considered a Mennonite Brethren Church program in that city. At present there are 27 members of the Mennonite Brethren Church living in Sao Paulo, but there is no organized church.

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

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

**November 20-29.** — Evangelistic services to be held in the East Aldergrove M.B. church with Evangelist Henry Epp.

**December 1 and 2.** — The M.B.C.I. Alumni Association, Winnipeg, presents the 3-act play *The Tinker* at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave. Regarding tickets see advertisement on this page.

**December 3.** — The Oratorio Choir of the M.B. Bible College will present "The Messiah" in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 172 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5.

**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)

November 5. — M.B. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference of the South Saskatchewan District.

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