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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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His Cross and Mine



They made Him a cross of the roughest wood;
To climb the steep, rugged road,
The cross was too heavy for Him to bear;
He fainted beneath its load.

They pressed the sharp thorns in His aching head,
Scourged Him, the Innocent One;
Mocking, reviling Him, spit in His face,
Though evil He had not done.

They hammered the nails in His bleeding hands,
Right through to the cross of wood;
They fastened His feet with a spike secure,
Nor heeded the dripping blood.

They moistened His lips with vinegar sour,
When His mouth was parched and dry;
His life ebbing out, they laughed Him to scorn,
And sitting there watched Him die.

Is my cross too much when I think of Him
Who suffered that I might live?
When I think of His sacrifice for me,
Is my best too much to give?

Through paths dark and lone must I wend my way,
With the end far out of sight?
He felt the pangs of a lonely heart
Through Gethsemane's long dark night.

In weakness and pain must I lift my cross?

He has born much pain for me,
And through the dark shadows I hear His voice,
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Is my cross too much when the One I love

Is beckoning me ever on?
Will the toils of the journey seem too long,
When at last the crown is won?
Mrs. Commissioner W. Arnold (R)

RADIO WORK

of the M. B. Church of Virgil, Ont.

For a number of years, our church has sponsored two Sunday radio programs, which are heard over a large area from station CHVC, Niagara Falls. The English broadcast, "Moments of Blessing," is heard at one o'clock in the afternoon, while the German broadcast is heard at five after nine in the evening. Mr. George Wichert,



Word of Life Radio Group, Virgil, Ont. First row, left to right: Rev. Dietrich J. Klassen, Clara Kroeker, Anni Sawatzky, Irene Block, Helen Klassen, Margret Loewen, Margaret Friesen (pianist).

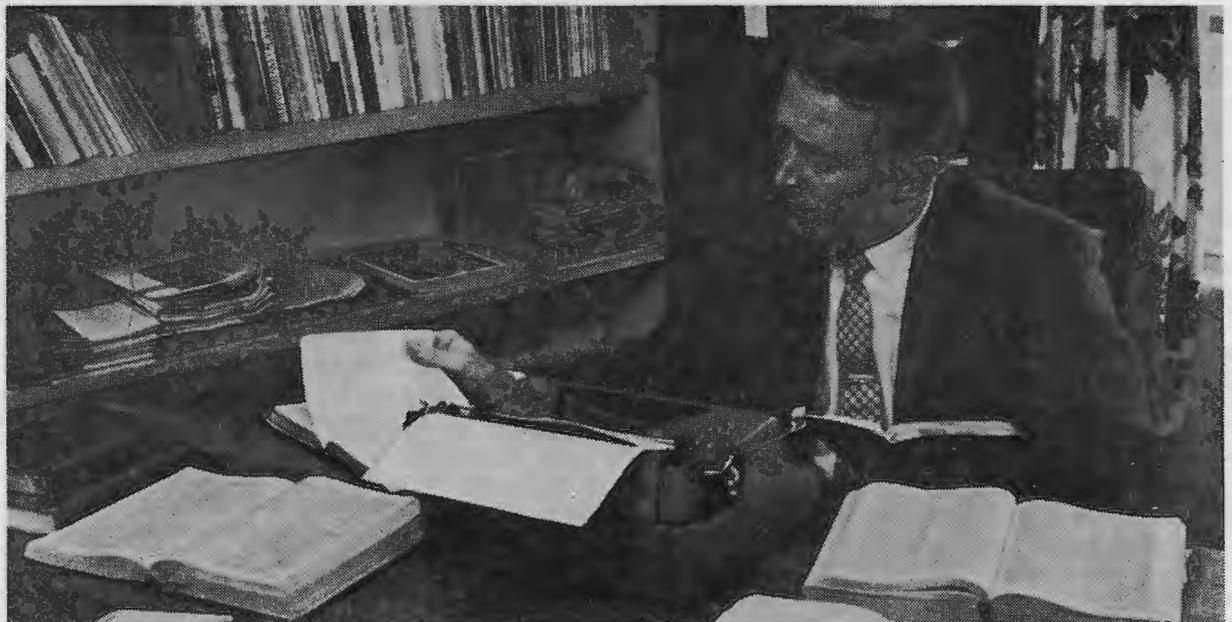
Second row, left to right: Rev. Jacob P. Dyck, Erna Wiebe, Selma Franz, Lenora Goertz, Katy Voth, Cornelius J. Sawatzky (director).

Third row, left to right: Rev. Franz J. Wiens, Erwin Martens, Peter Quiring, Walter Goertzen (technician), John Goertz, John Block (choir leader).

Fourth row, left to right: Jake Thielman, Peter Wiebe, Abe Nickel, Jake Duerksen, Hugo Dyck.

teacher at Eden, is the director of the English broadcast, with our pastor, Rev. J. G. Baerg, as speaker. Mr. C. Sawatzky is the director of the German program, with (Continued on page 4-4)

Letters from 40 Countries



Rev. David Nightingale preparing a German message for broadcast

For nine years our conference has carried the responsibility of the German department of HCJB radio station, Quito, Ecuador. Daily broadcasts have been carried on without interruption and have established a world-wide outreach for the gospel.

During 1960, correspondence was received from 40 countries and

areas of the world. They are: Germany, Paraguay, Canada, Poland, Chile, Mexico, Sweden, Hungary, Venezuela, France, Costa Rica, Panama, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, United States, Switzerland, Netherlands, Finland, Peru, Yugoslavia, Spain, Samoa Islands, New Zealand, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Jordan, Argentina, Austria, Uru-

guay, Bolivia, Italy, Rumania, Australia, Turkey, Denmark, Russia, Indonesia, Southwest Africa, Guatemala.

Of special significance is the fact that a number of letters are from Russia. These speak of larger groups of Mennonites listening to this radio

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EDITORIAL

What is Self?

It is the principle which governs us in our natural life, and which takes in our being the place God claims is His. It is self in a man which feels hurt and wounded when he does not get the credit he desires for that which he does; Christ in us gives all the credit to God. It is self in us which retaliates when we are unjustly treated; Christ in us when he is reviled, reviles not again.

It is the carnal mind, which "is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7), and which Jesus calls on us to deny. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself" (Matt. 16:24). Self, like King Saul, is always head and shoulders taller than anybody else.

Self in us pities itself, thinks it has a right to be noticed and sympathized with, when in physical suffering. When it cannot get room in the omnibus, when the car conductor won't stop, when some one opens a window and makes a draft, or shuts a window and it becomes stuffy, self thinks it is to be pitied. Self loves to relate all these circumstances in order to excite and receive the compassion it craves. Christ in us sees the hand of God in all these things, believes they are all working together for our good, and praises God for a little test of faith or patience.

Self in us feels hurt if other people are being praised, their work for God related, and their zeal and love admired; self thinks it loses too much ground, and seeks to turn the conversation to its own zeal and devotion or that of its parents, brother, uncle, aunt, or twentieth cousin, so that the party spoken to will feel that self has as much to boast of as anybody has. Christ in us is pained when anything is said about ourselves or our work, knowing that the Lord himself does it all, but rejoices to hear others spoken of, and is glad of the grace of God in them.

Self is conscious of the impression it makes upon people upon entering a room; Christ in us makes us unconscious of ourselves.

Self is always ready to exact its rights as regards honor, comfort, convenience, property, etc., and self has generally a somewhat magnified view of what its rights are. Christ in us has no rights but the will of God, and can, therefore, always and under all circumstances praise him.

Saul is an apt type of this rival of God in our hearts and lives. Self may be changed as Saul was, may have "another heart," and be "turned into another man," but self is still self and not Christ. Self may be changed from sinful and worldly self to converted self, but the same self-seeking, self-esteem, self-pity, self-justification is there, only on another ground. Self may become sanctified (?) self, and the passion of life may be holiness; self may be the essence of consistency, and yet be self still and not Christ. There may be the greatest devotion, the greatest self-sacrifice, but it may be for the object of obtaining holiness in ourselves; for the satisfaction of being known as holy people, but that is self still. Christ seeks not his own glory, nor his own will, nor his own ideal, and speaks not his own words. Numbers of earnest Christians do not discern how much of self there is in their spirit, in their work, in their aspiration after, and in their experience of holiness.

As Saul was rejected, so is self. God cannot mix with self, and so self must die. But die by its own hand it cannot. If we attempt to mortify self, the very attempt strengthens it; it is only as self is handed over to God and ignored, that its death comes about. Self although condemned, may linger on, constantly manifesting itself in one form or another where it is least expected.

But how am I to get rid of self? Hand it over to Jesus. He tells us to deny ourselves, but it is in favor of another self, even Jesus. He is our new, our everlasting life, our eternal self. Instead of me—Jesus. "Not I live, but Christ liveth in me." It is not I that pray, but the Holy Ghost prays in me. It is not I that conquer sin, but Christ in me does it all.

Guest Editorial by M. Baxter (Free Tract Society Inc.)

DEVOTIONAL

Salvation in Christ for All

Nothing is plainer than the Bible way of salvation. When the convicted Philippian jailer fell trembling before the Apostle Paul and asked what he had to do to be saved, the Apostle at once answered,

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." These words are just as true today as they were on the day when they were spoken.

If the Bible teaches anything it is that salvation is by grace through faith. God knows the condition of mankind. He knows just how weak and helpless we are, and in His goodness He has provided a simple plan whereby any man or woman on the face of the earth who desires to be redeemed can be saved. No one is barred because he has fallen lower than someone else. When man failed in everything, God pitied his helpless estate, and has stepped in and undertaken his rescue, and no one need be lost who has any desire to be saved.

When Jesus Christ went to the cross of Calvary, He went not only as the representative of the whole human race as such, but also as the personal representative of every man on earth, or that should be born on earth in all time. Not only has our race a Redeemer and Saviour, but each individual has a personal Saviour in Jesus Christ. There is not a man or woman on earth today who cannot come to God through Jesus Christ and be saved, if he or she really desires salvation. If whosoever believeth on Him shall be saved, then no one is excluded.

The man whose life has been spent in sin and misery, and who is unspeakably wretched and miserable, can, if he really desires to do so, come to Jesus Christ with a full assurance that he will be accepted and saved, and made happy and free. Our great debt was paid by Him, yea, the utmost farthing was paid, so that Satan has no further claim upon us, if we will accept the deliverance Christ has provided by His death and resurrection. The very moment a sinner honestly accepts Jesus Christ as his Saviour, God accepts the sinner as His child.

God has not only provided pardon for guilty sinners, but He saves them from all sin, and makes them new creatures in Christ Jesus. Not only has He provided salvation for the soul, but for the body as well. There is healing if we truly believe, for He says: "By his stripes we are healed." When a man's body has become diseased through sin, God has provided both cleansing and healing through Jesus Christ. Every man who meets God's conditions will find full deliverance for soul, body, and spirit, and will be made a free and happy man.

Each soul that believes will find peace with God and will have the witness within himself that he is a child of God, and that he has eternal life, as a free gift from God. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Here is a simple plan of salvation for those who are willing to

accept Christ as their personal Saviour:

I. Come to Him.

"Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

Receive Him. "As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12).

Accept eternal life: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36).

II. Confess your sins to Christ and trust Him for complete forgiveness.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

Sins forgiven. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (John 1:7).

Justified freely. "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).

III. Confess Christ openly.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10).

Before men. "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

IV. Trust Christ fully.

Salvation. "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand" (John 10:33).

Deliverance. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able but will with the temptation also make a way of

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CHURCH NEWS

Times of Spiritual Edification

Linden, Alta. — The first two months of the New Year have given us times of blessing in our church. As has been our custom in the past, we started the year with nightly prayer meetings. Otherwise we have our mid-week prayer meeting for adults on Wednesday evenings. At the same time the boys and girls, ages 9-14, have their separate club meetings. The girls' Happy Hour Bible Club meets in the church basement. They have a half hour devotional program under the direction of their leader, Miss Agatha Esau. Then they have half an hour of handwork. At present they are collecting layettes and bundles for the MCC. The boys are studying the story of the creation under the direction of Rev. W. E. Thiessen. They are doing woodwork during their activity period. We are grateful for the enthusiasm of our boys and girls in their respective clubs.

We have recently activity in our library. The girls' club made a donation to the library after they had a sale of handwork last fall. Others have loaned or given books and donated money for the support of this project.

We have had several guest speakers in the past two months, among them was Brother E. Friesen from Colombia. He presented a real challenge to us.

Rev. H. Willms, our provincial youth leader, spoke to our young people on the evening of January 29, which was our Youth Sunday. The topic was, "The Church Needs You." Brother Sam Ratzlaff spoke to the whole church on "You Need the Church" in the morning.

escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

Strength. "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Cor. 12:9).

Needs supplied. "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

He careth. "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).

V. Serve Christ faithfully.

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20).

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Free Tract Society Inc.

On February 12, Rev. H. Thielman of the Calgary City Mission came out with a group. It was a very worthwhile evening. The double quartet sang a number of songs and one of the ladies told the boys and girls a story. Rev. Thielman reported on the work of the mission. Then he had a question and answer period. The question was raised whether it is worthwhile having the mission. Everyone was agreed that the work should continue.

Every first Sunday in the month we have a special item for the boys and girls in our morning worship service—a story, object lesson or fiannelgraph lesson. This is much enjoyed by everyone. The same Sunday evening we have our monthly communion service.

On February 26 we had a "Church at Work" night. Each of-

fice in the church—minister, deacon, janitor, etc., brought an item. The topic was, "We are laborers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9). It was a very good program and we realized how important it is for all, laymen as well as church officials, to work together.

The Lord has been very gracious and merciful in the past and we trust Him for guidance in the future.

The old we leave without a tear,
The new we hail without a fear,
Because we know that o'er it all
Rules He Who notes the sparrow's fall.

Mrs. Henry C. Toews

Bethel Organizes New Church

Winnipeg, Man. — On September 29, 1960, the congregation of the Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Man., decided to establish an outpost or a new church on the east side of the Red River. The purpose was to further the cause of

Christ and His church by a mission venture and alleviate over-crowding of the present church building at Stafford Street and Carter Avenue.

After due investigation, the decision to establish a new church became a reality on February 8, 1961, when a group of members from the St. Vital, St. Boniface, Elmwood, East Kildonan and North Kildonan areas met to formally organize a new congregation. The name of the new church will be the "Elmwood Bethel Mennonite Church."

A church building has been purchased at 384 Talbot Ave., in Elmwood. Because the building requires renovation, services will not begin until early spring.

"Superstition is a senseless fear of God." (Cicero)

To a large extent, we see what we look for and expect.

"Much may be known of a man's character by what excites his laughter."

Progress at Bethesda Home



The photo to your left shows the new structure added to the main building of the Bethesda Home at Vineland, Ont. Its size is 40 by 80 feet and it accommodates twenty patients. There are workshop and dining rooms in the basement.

The photo in the centre shows the location where a new staff residence was erected later. Persons on the photo, left to right, are: Dr. H. D. Latham; behind him, G. Friesen, secretary; Jacob Penner, who is responsible for the Men's division, and Rev. G. J. Epp, the "Hausvater" of the institution.

The photo to the right shows Rev. G. J. Epp as he offers a dedicatory prayer at the place where a residence is to be erected. Other staff members are likewise seen on the photo.

Vineland, Ont. — Repeatedly we are being asked how the building is progressing and when it will be ready. From these questions we gather that many are interested and desire to know more about these matters. Last fall we reported about the beginning of the work. On July 26 the actual digging process began, and today the 40'x 80' addition is finished. After the architect and the executive had made the preliminary decisions regarding material, various arrangements, workers, etc., we found that further decisions were required. But in all we have experienced the Lord's guidance, for which we are very thankful. We are also very grateful to all who prayed and gave and are continuing to do so. Under able management of Brother Jacob Reimer of St. Catharines, who was the responsible builder, the work has progressed very well in all its various phases. We now occupy the building. In the lower storey we have a large bright Dayroom, two occupational therapy rooms, a medical office and other necessary arrangements. On the second storey

there is room for about twenty male patients, a sitting room, an office, a washroom, and a spacious hall along the entire length of the building.

The dedication service took place on March 12, 1961. Rev. F. C. Peters, our Conference moderator, was the speaker at the dedication service. Please pray with us for God's continued blessing on this work. At present 86 patients are being cared for. Many applications have been received, which will be considered very shortly.

Our Staff Residence is also completed. When the sod-turning took place on September 27, God's Word was read and a prayer spoken, and today we see the attractive building before us. God's hand was over us also in the construction of this building. All outside work could be completed before the winter weather set in and no mishap or accident has hindered the work, neither at the residence nor at the addition. This building accommodates twenty-six female staff members. It provides a large assembly room, a recreation room, a small kitchen

and utility rooms. This is a two-storey building, in the shape of an L, with no basement. On the occasion of our dedication service on March 12, this building was also open for inspection.

On Friday and Saturday, prior to the dedication, the Bethesda Committee had its annual business meeting. We also had a short opening ceremony on Saturday afternoon, to which we had invited various authorities, doctors and business men of the community. We wish to express our appreciation to them for their continued goodwill toward the institution. During the last two years the Ontario Hospital Services Commission has sent the monthly payments for the support of the Home. Taking the monthly cheque to the bank was always an occasion for special rejoicing. The daily rate for 1961 has not yet been determined, but we hope it will be in the near future.

Daily we experience God's guidance. We want to trust Him for the future.

G. Friesen

\$500,000 Damage by Fire

Winkler, Man. — Three quarters of a block in the business section of Winkler, Man., was destroyed by fire on March 8. Damage was estimated at \$500,000. Five business establishments, a furniture store, a dry goods store, a restaurant, and two large grocery stores and a recently vacated building were destroyed. Starting in the rear of People's Furniture Store, the blaze swept through the vacant building, Gladstone's Dry Goods and the IGA store. At the same time it swept south, destroying the Town and Country restaurant and Penner's Meat and Grocery store.

Business Men Touring South America

Hesston, Kans. — A delegation of three North American business men left for a month's tour of South America in the interests of Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA), whose purpose it is to aid the economic growth of Mennonite settlements on the southern continent, especially Paraguay.

Making the trip are Lyle E. Yost, president of the Hesston Manufacturing Co., Erie Sauder, president of the Sauder Manufacturing Co., Archbold, Ohio, and Ed Kipfer, sales executive of Kitchener, Ont. The men are accompanied by their wives and all travel is by air.

Mr. and Mrs. Yost expected to spend a week in the Chaco region of Paraguay, where they wanted to observe the economy of the large Mennonite settlements. They also planned to spend a week in Uruguay in the interests of Uruguay Settlement Associates, which has given assistance to Mennonite settlers of that country.

Another week was to be spent in Argentina, where observation was to be made of Hesston windrowers operating in wheat fields of that country.

Enroute home brief stops were to be made at Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Church Destroyed by Fire

Grunthal, Man. — The Elim Mennonite church burned to the ground on February 26 during a snow storm. It was built in 1949 and was covered by insurance totaling \$30,000.

The building was 36'x 70' and was a total loss. It is expected that the cost of replacing the church will be considerably higher than will be realized from the insurance.

The fire was discovered at 8:30 a.m., when the smoke was already so dense that the building could not be entered. By 10:30 the building was completely burned. Fire fighters were hampered by a storm which was blowing at the time.

There are 230 members in the

church and about 100 registered Sunday school students. Rev. John Enns is the leading minister assisted by Rev. C. N. Froese and ministers elect Abram Froese and Nick Janz.

Passing at the Age of 98

Morden, Man. — Mrs. Elizabeth Epp, the former Mrs. Henry Rempel and formerly of Winkler, died at the Tabor Home, Morden, at the age of 98 years. Funeral services were held from the Morden M. B. church Saturday, March 4, with burial at the Winkler cemetery. Rev. Frank Friesen, Morden, and Rev. Joe Wiebe, Lyndall, were the officiating ministers. Wiebe's Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Epp is survived by four daughters: Mrs. John Wiebe, Morden; Mrs. J. S. Wiebe, Plum Coulee; Mrs. Henry Neufeld, Alberta; and Mrs. Fred Mielke, B.C., and one son, Jacob of Morden.

New Pastor Welcomed

Bridgewater, S.D. — The Salem Mennonite Brethren Church located 10 miles southwest of Bridgewater recently welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Franklyn Jost and family into the church fellowship and also as shepherds of the congregation. The congregation had been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. John J. Kleinsasser early last year.

Former Prisoner of War Enjoys Fellowship

Workers of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Europe are in touch with a Christian man in Simmern, Germany, who was a prisoner of war stationed near Coaldale, Alta., during World War II. Recently Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Balzer of Winnipeg and Mr. Hans Ufer, a blind evangelist, conducted a successful Bible camp at Simmern, Hunsrueck, among a group of evangelical Christians. The former prisoner often worshipped with the Coaldale Mennonite Church while stationed in Canada and enjoyed its fellowship. Now he and his family occasionally visit the Mennonite Brethren Church at Neuwied, Germany, contribute to its program and request the assistance of Mennonite Brethren Church workers in the services in his church and city.

Mennonites Contribute \$135,000 toward Psychiatric Centre

Goshen, Ind. — Mennonite churches of the East Central area have contributed a total of \$135,000 toward the new Oaklawn Psychiatric Center to be established at Elkhart, according to a recent tabulation.

Total cost of the project is now estimated at \$740,000, with the federal government providing \$235,000

of the amount. An additional \$150,000 is needed from the supporting churches by the time construction begins, to get the full benefit of federal funds. Construction is scheduled to get under way this summer. Approximately \$235,000 of the total is to be raised in the Elkhart community.

The new center will be operated by churches of the East Central area in cooperation with Mennonite Mental Health Services, Inc. Working plans for the construction are now being prepared by the architect.

Usual and Unusual Services at Grossweide

Plum Coulee, Man. — "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28).

We at the Grossweide M. B. Church are very thankful that we may gather from time to time in the house of God. This we do in order to worship Him, and enjoy fellowship one with another. This great privilege has been taken away from many of our brethren and sisters in the Lord. They need our intercessory prayers.

We begin our Sunday morning services at 9:50 a.m. As a rule we have a singing period of 10 minutes, which proves to be a great blessing. Sunday school begins at 10 o'clock and continues for 50 minutes. It is a privilege to be present in Sunday school with our children and Christian friends. We are also grateful to God for our Sunday school teachers. It is challenging to discuss Bible truths in the adult class.

It is a practice in our church to have a prayer session before the message is delivered. On February 12 Brother Wm. A. Wiebe led the prayer meeting. He read Psalm 96 and asked the audience to sing the old favorite hymn, "Stimmt an mit vollem Klang und preiset Gottes Sohn." Many followed him in prayer. The message that morning was brought by Rev. A. W. Klassen. The significant thing was that he read the entire chapter of Acts 10. Often we think what we say is important. The late Rev. John G. Wiens, a Homiletics teacher, used to say that the reading of the text was of great importance. Rev. Klassen's theme was "Hauspredigt." Many important and heart-searching points were stressed. Does hearing the Word of God still have the result that people's hearts are touched by the Holy Spirit and that they follow the Lord by being baptized?

On Sunday morning, February 19, the message was presented by Brother Ed Heppner. His theme was, "The Mission of Andrew" (Die Andreas-Mission). The speaker placed emphasis on the origin of personal work, the progress in

the use of this method, and the admonition to do this type of work.

On February 26, one of our young brethren from the choir, Rodney Neufeld, led the prayer meeting, after which our leader, D. M. Heibert, said, "It is important that our young people as well as the more aged say with the hymn writer, "Bei Dir, Jesu, will ich bleiben."

Then followed an expository sermon by our choir conductor, Brother Jake G. Neufeld. The text of his English message included chapters 13 to 16 of the Book of Judges. His topic was "The Man Samson." He pointed out that Samson had God-fearing, praying, and sacrificing parents, who sounded a warning to their son. God's Spirit rested upon Samson, but whenever he failed in his work, it was because he sinned and did not ask God for guidance. He was warned not to trifle with sin. Samson was in danger of failing completely, but was later restored.

On March 5, Rev. John B. Wiebe, assistant leader and minister, delivered a message on Proverbs 4: 1-9 and 9:10. His topic was, "Divine Wisdom." Points which the speaker discussed were: 1) the necessity of having wisdom, 2) its essence, 3) its marks, and 4) the way to obtain it.

In the evening, Brother William Schroeder, chairman of M. B. Youth Committee for Manitoba, served us. He gave us a brief but interesting report of their work in South America, where they labored for 3½ years. It is about 2 years since they came back.

Brother Schroeder gave his report in English and illustrated it with slides. Then he gave a message in German. He dwelt on the theme, "Der vorsichtige Wandel der Kinder Gottes" (Eph. 5: 15-21). He stressed the doctrinal as well as the practical aspects of his text.

Ed Heppner

Radio Work

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three speakers each giving out the Word four months of the year. These programs are put on tape in the office of Mr. Walter Goertzen, who has all the modern equipment necessary for effective recording.

This work entails much sacrifice, but also affords many joys and blessings. The greatest blessing is that we can proclaim the message of truth and everlasting life at a critical time, when the forces of darkness are trying to accomplish their utmost. Truly this work needs our full support. We are thankful to God for the willing workers who are wholeheartedly serving their Master in this task.

On the front page of this issue is a picture of the group which serves on the German broadcast. We would hereby like to encourage others to serve God faithfully in this ministry. Our reward will be in heaven. Maranatha!

Linda Willms



The Cause of Foreign Missions

A Letter from Istmina, Choco, Colombia

"Looking away to Jesus, who is the Leader and Source of our faith and is also its Finisher" (Heb. 12: 2, Amplified).

With these words of Holy Writ and the firm resolution to follow the exhortation, I launched into the new year. During the past four months I had received medical treatment and enjoyed a rest without responsibilities. My heart was grateful to the Lord for answered prayer as I prepared to return to my work in the Choco. My gratitude also extends to my co-workers and many friends around the world who stood by in prayer and numerous other ways. The Christmas season again proved how many kind friends the Lord has given me. Letters, gifts and cards that are still arriving gladden my heart and strengthen my resolve to be a real "friend" to all around me as far as I can reach. Please accept this letter as a personal "Thank You!" for your kindness and thoughtfulness. The Lord will reward you in His own way.

The first item on the program for the year was the annual council meeting. For the first time in our work in Colombia the Executive Committee of the National Convention met with the Administrative Committee of our Field Council, and from now on the national churches will be assuming more administrative responsibilities in various branches of service. A good spirit prevailed throughout the sessions and we thank God for this step forward in the direction of a national indigenous church in Colombia.

On January 9 the Choco personnel flew back to Istmina. The missionary staff at present includes the Ebener Friesens, Elizabeth Tieszen, and myself. Esther Wiens had to remain in Valle, where she is recuperating from an attack of hepatitis. We trust she will be able to return to us in March.

The first week in Istmina found us busy with book-keeping, annual reports, inventory, etc. Since the dispensary had been closed for some weeks, we took this opportunity to do a thorough clean-up, paint and fumigation job. Then, with renewed interest and enthusiasm, we again opened the doors to the public. It is a real joy to see the Lord working in our midst.

At this time I wish to introduce to you a new project of our national churches: our very own church paper! It is known as "El Pregonero," which means, the one who

praises and proclaims news to the public. Two issues have been published so far and have been received with great enthusiasm. For the present it will appear every two months. If you have the least understanding of Spanish, I will be happy to send you a copy to read.

Would you like to help us in a very special way? I request prayer for a man named Guillermo Ramirez, better known as "Cundito."

He is in his early twenties, slightly lame, but he has a pleasing personality. For a year now he has been coming to the dispensary to learn first aid treatment and laboratory work. We have found him a willing and trustworthy helper and would like to see him continue in this line of service. It is not so long ago when he heard the gospel and accepted Christ as personal Saviour, and there are times when the old way of life and habits prove too strong for him. Our desire is to see him living a victorious Christian life with a clear testimony before the world. Only the Lord Jesus can work this in him. Could we set the days of March 5-11 for earnest intercession to help our young brother to spiritual progress?

With sincere greetings,

Herta, J. Voth.

Welfare Board Approves Christian Service Program

"I have made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. . . . I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some" (I Cor. 9: 19,22).

This was the word from God which the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations set before itself as it planned the conference ministry of relief and service for the coming year.

The members of the Board and its office staff met in Hillsboro for their annual meeting February 23 to 25. Highlights of the sessions were: the search for a more effective channel of liaisonship, assistance of the South American conference, and the approval of a Christian service program for the young people of the conference.

The concern of the Board has been that various services and branches of conference work in South America be coordinated and that more responsibility for this work be shifted to South America. This is also a concern of the Board of Missions and the South American Conference.

In keeping with the decision of the 1960 General Conference, the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations and the Board of Missions met together to consider this concern. The two Boards discussed a specific statement from South America suggesting a fuller coordination of the various branches of the work and their integration into the South American Conference program. The Boards expressed appreciation for this position and declared themselves ready to work toward this goal together with the South American Conference.

The Board adopted initial provisions for the establishment of a Christian service program for the young people and other persons in the conference, and decided to name

it: Christian Service Program. The Christian Service Program will include 1-W service which is now the complete responsibility of the conference and other planned conference service assignments known as voluntary service projects.

The prayers of the churches are solicited for the new Christian Service Program and for the concern regarding South America.

Christian Service projects were approved for El Faro School in Texas, Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota, DVBS at Pine Ridge MB Mission, Bethesda Home, Vineland, Ont., and West Coast Children's Mission of British Columbia. The Board also encouraged further exploration of a Christian Service project in a child-care center.

In other major actions, the Board:

1) reviewed proposals from South America for establishing a seminary at Curitiba, Brazil, and declared itself ready to share costs of property, equipment and operation with the South American Conference;

2) provided for continued assistance to South America through workers from North America, support of the Bible schools, assistance to ministers and other services;

3) considered the Christian attitude toward capital punishment and agreed to continue studying this concern;

4) agreed to encourage our people to participate actively in Mennonite Disaster Service as a positive alternative to Civil Defence;

5) declared itself willing to serve the conference and churches with information in regard to meeting the needs of the rapidly-increasing number of aging folks in our circles;

6) approved sponsorship of an essay contest on "The Gospel and Race Relations" for college-age people in our conference to be announced in fall;

7) appointed the following brethren to serve as its administrative staff in the Hillsboro office: M. A. Kroeker, secretary treasurer for relief; Dwight Wiebe, secretary for Christian Service; and Marion W. Kliewer, secretary for information;

8) appointed the following brethren to serve as conference representatives to the various MCC sections: Material Aid, M. A. Kroeker and Mrs. Chester H. Fast; Mennonite Aid for South America, M. A. Kroeker; Peace, Wesley Prieb; Voluntary Service, Dwight Wiebe; Mennonite Disaster Service, M. A. Kroeker; and the following to represent our conference on other Mennonite organizations: 1-W Coordinating Board, Dwight Wiebe; Mennonite Aid Inc. (hospital-surgical sharing program), Marion W. Kliewer.

Cooperation with Peace Corps is Studied

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Announcement on March 1 of President Kennedy's creation of a Peace Corps for voluntary service abroad brought into focus the question of possible cooperation with government programs of this type. "The extent to which MCC as a voluntary agency should cooperate with the Peace Corps will need to be given careful consideration in the near future," said Executive Secretary William T. Snyder.

The Peace Corps created by executive order will send Americans into programs of technical assistance, particularly in the fields of education, agriculture, and health, in the newly-developing countries of the world.

Reaction of many voluntary agencies, including MCC, to the President's proposal was favorable. MCC and other organizations carrying on programs of this nature have been encouraged by the increased interest of government in bringing aid to underdeveloped areas.

It appears that MCC and other voluntary organizations may be eligible for participation in the Peace Corps program. President Kennedy named voluntary agencies as one of five channels for sending Peace Corps personnel to developing nations. The President favors voluntary effort, "because one of the greatest resources of a free society is the strength and diversity of its private organizations and institutions."

Service with the Peace Corps will not exempt volunteers from Selective Service. However, by serving with the Peace Corps in projects approved for alternative service, conscientious objectors probably will be able to complete Selective Service requirements.

THE Young Observers

Hello Girls and Boys,

Spring is here at last. The snow is slowly melting, the days are lengthening, and the sun seems so much warmer. With spring comes the Easter season.

The meaning of Easter may be summed up in one word, LIFE. Easter is a joyful day. Our heart thrills to the open tomb and the angel's glad refrain. We share the women's joy and the apostles' wonder.

The Psalmist of old said, "I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord." We are glad that Jesus rose from the dead. He lives. We, too, can live. We can have everlasting life because of Easter. Would you like to be like the Psalmist? Will you declare the works of the Lord to others? During these weeks before Easter, let us tell others of the meaning of Easter.

His blood has washed our sins away,
His Spirit turned our night to day,
And now we can rejoice and say
That God is love.

Love, Aunt Helen

The Tenth is His

"Jim, are you a tither?"

"What's a tither?"

"Do you give a tenth of your money to the Lord?"

"Course not. What use has He got for my money? He's up in heaven and has everything He wants."

"You don't understand, Jim. God doesn't want your money for His own use. And anyway, you know there's no way to send money up to heaven."

"Well, then, what are you talking about, Ben?"

"It's this way, Jim. When anybody's been good to you, you want to do something good back to him, don't you?"

"Sure."

"Well, just think how good God's been to us. He gives us eyes to see, ears to hear, and we couldn't speak a word or even breathe if He didn't let us. He gives us fathers and mothers, a house to live in, and things to eat. Why Jim, we couldn't get along without God looking after us and doing lots of things for us. Now could we?"

"No, it looks as if we must have those things, Ben."

"Well, that isn't all He does for us, either. You just ought to hear about the awful way the heathen people live. They worship ugly old idols, and to please them they throw their little babies into the river and break the feet of the little girls. Oh, it's awful not to have a good God who is a kind Father, like ours is!"

"But look, Ben. Doesn't God know about those poor kids, just like He knows all about us?"

"Sure. God knows everything about everybody."

"Then, why doesn't He do something to help them?"

"That's just it, Jim. God does know about them and He says for

us to pay back to them all we owe Him. He says in the Bible, 'Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me.'"

Jim thought for a moment. "I guess it's as if a man who owes my dad a dollar wanted to pay it back and Dad would say, 'Give it to my son Jim so he can buy a new knife, and that will be just the same as paying it to me.'"

Ben nodded. "Yes, I guess that's right."

"You haven't told me what that tithing business is, Ben."

"Well, you know, God doesn't say we're to give Him all we have. He says to give Him a tenth. God says if we don't give Him a tenth we are robbing Him. So I give a dime out of every dollar I get hold of."

"But how does your money get to those who need help?"

"We put our tithe money into the little box at Sunday school. Every quarter the boxes are opened and the money is sent to the people whose business it is to visit the poor people and teach them. Some of it is used to build schools for children in other countries and some to help poor children in the mountains here at home. It does lots of good."

"A tenth isn't very much, though, Ben. I don't see how it helps a lot."

"A tenth of all I earned the last three months amounted to sixty-eight cents. You see I ran errands and had my allowance, and I sold some rabbits and things."

Jim gasped. "You don't mean you give that much every quarter!"

"I don't know if I'll always have that much to give. But it will always be a tenth of what I have, Jim. And somehow I don't seem to miss it. I get along just as well as

I did before I began tithing. What is left seems to go farther. God says in the Bible that's the way it will be. Now why don't you try it and He will prove it to you, Jim. God said He will."

Jim hesitated. "Well, I'll try it. And I'd like to join your class, Ben. Would they give me a little box for my tithes, too?"

"Sure thing. And we'd be glad to

have you join, Jim. I'll stop by for you next Sunday morning."

And so Jim was welcomed into the class and became a loyal tither for the Lord. Later, he got some of his friends to tithe also, and all of them were glad they did so.

Wouldn't you like to become a tither, too? Your teacher, officer or parents will tell you more about it.

Christian Trails

I'll be Famous

"I'll be famous!" Henry told himself. As long as he could remember, he had planned to be a doctor. Now that he was a sixth grader he decided to be a very special doctor.

"I shall have my own mission hospital like Dr. Schweitzer has in Africa. Or, maybe I will go to Labrador with the Grenfell Mission."

Henry was so absorbed in day-dreams of adventures in far places that he did not hear his father come out on the porch. Father called as he took out his car keys. "I hope you won't mind starting to school a little early this week."

"What's up?" Henry asked.

"Sam Turner asked me if we would pick up a boy who lives over on Cedar Street. The youngster was injured in an accident. It seems he still can't walk too well—needs a ride."

"O.K., Dad. I'm ready. Let's go. What's the fellow's name?" Henry asked.

"Kenny Karr. Here is the house where he lives."

Kenny was a little fellow and struggled with a pair of crutches too large for him. Henry helped him into the car. Then he sat beside him in the rear seat. The boy's mother waved and smiled as they drove off.

Henry wondered whether or not he had better ask the child about his accident, then decided against it. He seems a little frightened, thought Henry. Finally the younger boy turned and asked timidly, "That man," he nodded toward Henry's father, "is he God?"

"Oh, no, of course not," cried Henry, "he is just my father."

"Then does he work for God?"

Henry had never thought about his father that way. Of course he recognizes ministers and missionaries as workers for God but not plain ordinary men like his father. "What makes you ask such a question?" he queried.

"Well," Kenny hesitated, "I—I asked mother how I could get to school on these crutches and she said, 'God will take care of that.'"

"If helping people out who are in a jam is working for God, I guess Dad qualifies," answered Henry.

Henry thought to himself: Even if I never get to Labrador or Africa, even if I never get to be a doctor, I can still be a worker for God—a worker like Dad! He may not be famous, but he sure is great!

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His Little One

Oh I am such a little child,
How can I serve the Lord?
I cannot pray as big folk do,
I cannot preach His Word.

But then I can be good and kind,
And smile and sing a song;
Not cry or pout, but just be sweet
And cheerful all day long.

Then when the day is over,
I humbly kneel and pray,
I know that Jesus hears me,
And I think I hear Him say:
"My little one, I love you;
You have been good today."



Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(28th Installment)

It was a formidable program indeed, but as the weeks went by Nancy realized with a heavy heart that it was not impossible of achievement, for her parents and their supporters were rapidly gaining ground in many directions, most noticeably, of course, within the church itself. The minority group who were already dissatisfied with Mr. Brandon's forthright ministry needed no persuasion to join Charles Norwood's "Progressive Group," as he styled his little movement. On the contrary, he was rather embarrassed by their eagerness and enthusiasm. He had intended the movement to be of a more subtle and secret nature, fearing that it might defeat its purpose by coming into prominence too soon, but in the light of what actually occurred he was satisfied. He lost control of the situation by the overwhelming response the idea had evoked. The eagerness of so many to band together in such a scheme was sufficient proof of the need for the movement.

The Southdown Grove Progressive Group went from strength to strength in a comparatively short time. Charles Norwood was the undisputed leader of the movement, but there was no lack of capable assistance, for several of the deacons were right behind him, including the church treasurer, Stanley Parker, who rapidly became Charles' righthand man. His intimate knowledge of the church finances was something that they soon found could be turned to definite advantage as they planned their "progressive" moves.

It was only to be expected, of course, that Mrs. Norwood would be voted the leader of the ladies, and she devoted herself to the duties of that position with a zeal and enthusiasm that would have done credit to a worthy cause. Mrs. Parker became Thelma Norwood's official "aide," and the four of them together—the Norwoods and the Parkers—became the power behind that very active and virile organization.

Meetings were held regularly at which progress was discussed and future plans drawn up. These meetings were secret in so far as they were not publicly announced, and they were not held on church property. The home of the Norwoods in Burnside Avenue was the logical meeting place, and so it was actually in Thelma Norwood's comfortable lounge room where the group's activities were planned.

First and foremost, each member of the movement was pledged to

reduce his or her contributions to the church offerings to the barest minimum, so that at the next quarterly business session of the church there would be a noticeable fall in receipts. Similarly, they were to give careful attention to unobtrusive ways and means of increasing the general expenditure, with the object of making the church financially embarrassed.

"No organization can function without money," the treasurer was in the habit of reminding them, "and the surest way to defeat Pastor Brandon is to keep a tight hold on the pursestrings. After all, if the church can't pay him his salary, he will just have to resign."

"Unless he is content to live on 'faith,'" put in someone ironically, "as he is with the repairs to the manse!"

That remark was greeted with general mirth, for although Mr. Brandon had never said how much money he had obtained through his prayer channel, it was no secret that Mrs. Norwood and her ladies were well within sight of the goal of five hundred pounds, with money raised entirely through means that the pastor had condemned, and there was no doubt in the mind of any member of the Progressive Group as to what the outcome of that challenge would be.

"All the same," declared Charles Norwood emphatically, "we can't afford to leave anything to chance. He's not going to be so easily defeated, in my opinion. We ought to work from the outside as well as on the inside, and make sure of it!"

They accepted this line of reasoning without question, and so began a subtle campaign to antagonize the general community against the pastor, and secure for him an increasing amount of unfavourable publicity in which the church must inevitably become involved. It promised to be a campaign that would tax their ingenuity to the utmost, but determined to defeat the man for whom they felt a growing and bitter hatred, they applied themselves to it with a will, and the extent of their success was soon plain for all to see.

The main attack was directed against the open-air meetings which by this time the pastor had made a regular summer feature, and the idea seemed to be to arouse public feeling in the matter and to make it a community issue. Agitators were found who, with very little encouragement, consistently disrupted the meetings and brought along a very undesirable element which threatened to overthrow the open-

air witness altogether. Representations were then made to the local council declaring that Pastor Brandon and his open-air band were creating a public nuisance, and urging that in the interests of the community the meetings should not be allowed to continue. Some of the councillors themselves were persuaded to take an interest in the question, which soon assumed great public importance, for Pastor Brandon took up the issue with the authorities and did not hesitate to express himself in defence of his policy of "bringing the church to the people."

So the "battle of the beach," as it was popularly styled, became the chief news topic in Southdown. Everybody seemed to be talking about it and expressing opinions, whether they were in possession of the real facts or not. A good many actually went to the meetings just to see for themselves. The local radio station made a special feature of the feud, giving both sides an opportunity to express their views on the air and inviting correspondence from listeners on the subject. And the Southdown Chronicle, not to be outdone, made it front-page news, with first-hand pictures and graphic accounts of what was happening at the meetings.

Naturally, there was a wide divergence of opinion in the little community. Some, of course, were only interested in the outcome of the dispute and not in the real issue involved. But the surprising thing was that the strongest opposition appeared to come from the church-going community and the greatest support from the ordinary man in the street, which, as Mr. Brandon maintained, went to prove that the open-air meetings were fulfilling in some measure at least the purpose for which they were intended. Some of the public bodies took sides vigorously, some remained openly neutral, while it was impossible to tell where others stood at all. But the Southdown Chronicle, which claimed to be the people's press, certainly did not belong to the last mentioned group! This little newspaper left no doubt at all in the minds of its readers as to its policy in the dispute—a policy which it pursued with a zest that was too often marred by invective and bitter personal attacks on Pastor Brandon himself. But even this was not to be wondered at, when Trevor Warne had become the chief reporter on the staff of the Chronicle!

As soon as Mr. Norwood discovered that Trevor was working on the newspaper and that he, too, had something about which to get even with the pastor, the older man lost no time in approaching him and enlisting his support. The fact that Trevor no longer attended church regularly seemed to be no bar to his linking up with the group. They were all quick to realize that with

his virtual control of the news columns of the district's newspaper, Trevor would be an ally worth winning over to their side. Not that he needed much winning over, for Trevor was so full of his own importance and so eager to "get one back" on Pastor Brandon for refusing his earlier request for a testimonial, that he fell right in with the plans of Mr. Norwood and his Progressive Group. He made a point of attending all the meetings that were held at Burnside Avenue, always ready to report the latest news from the newspaper angle, and Charles Norwood was heartily endorsed when he declared that the young man's press publicity campaign was undoubtedly the greatest single factor in the success of their movement.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood were always careful to hold their meetings on nights when they knew Nancy would not be at home. They could always depend on her going to the week-night prayer meeting of the church, and to the open-air meetings, so it was not difficult to arrange, and although she knew that they met frequently in her home Nancy never seemed to encounter any of the members of the Progressive Group face to face. Personally, she was not sorry. The information that she gleaned from outside sources and from the significant hints dropped by her parents from time to time sickened her so much that she could only be glad that she was being spared the ordeal of meeting them. She did not even see Trevor, although she knew that he was calling at the house along with the rest of the group—or rather, she seldom saw him, for coming from prayer meeting one night she did find him in the lounge where he had been talking with her parents. She was shocked to see the marked change in his looks and manner since she had last spoken to him many weeks before.

"Why, Trevor!" she exclaimed involuntarily, with obvious disapproval and dismay.

"Huh!" muttered the young man disgustedly, taking his cigar out of his mouth with an elegant flourish. "That's a nice way to greet an old friend whom you haven't seen for a 'blue moon,' isn't it?"

Nancy walked over and sat down on the chair opposite him, eyeing the young man critically. "I hardly knew you, Trevor," she said candidly. "You look so different."

"Do I?" he echoed, leaning back in his chair with legs crossed and showing at least six inches of bare leg between his wrinkled yellow sock and the frayed turn-ups of his grey striped trousers. "I never knew that being a journalist—and such a successful journalist as I'm becoming—could bring about such a noticeable difference in one's appearance!"

(To be continued)

MCC News & Notes

MCC Trainee Conference

A mid-term conference for the trainees was held at Bluffton, Ohio, February 17-19. This conference enabled the trainees to compare impressions and share experiences. David Hobegger, Allentown, Pa., was speaker at the conference and Robert Kreider, Bluffton, Ohio, led the group discussions. The conference was held during the interim between the trainees' first and second six-months assignments.

Program Purposes

- 1) To promote goodwill and a better understanding and a closer relationship between people of other countries and Americans.
- 2) To give Christian young people from abroad an opportunity to observe life in Mennonite communities here, to help us to become mutually acquainted, and to cement ties of brotherhood.
- 3) To give young people from abroad an opportunity to observe their occupational fields in America and to increase practical working knowledge in them.

Trainee Placement

Placement of the trainees is made by the Akron office. If possible the trainees are assigned to homes or institutions where they will receive training in their particular occupation or profession. During his 12 months in North America each trainee is assigned to two different homes, in two different geographical locations, for approximately six months each. This is to provide a variety of environment and experience. The trainee should become part of his host family in order to gain first-hand acquaintance with

American family and community life.

Community Counselors

A counselor is designated in each community where trainees are located. The counselor assists the trainee in becoming acquainted with the church and community, serves as contact with the MCC and is the person to whom the trainee or the sponsor may go if difficulties arise.

Qualifications

Applicants should preferably be between 20 and 25 years of age and must be unmarried. They should have good personal habits, be mentally alert and carry the recommendation of their church leaders as to Christian character and interest in the church.

Mennonite applicants are preferred and they should be young people who actively participate in the life of their church.

The applicants should be interested in furthering their occupational training. They must be willing to do full-time service in the places assigned by the Mennonite Central Committee.

A committee of MCC staff members working in the foreign country concerned is to consider and evaluate applicants. Final approval of applicants is made by the Akron office.

Responsibility of Sponsors

The sponsor provides room, board and \$15.00 per month spending money to the trainee. The sponsor also remits monthly to the Akron office \$50.00 to cover ocean and inland transportation, medical and overhead expenses. The trainee is expected to provide his own cloth-

ing and personal needs. The sponsor should allow the trainee two weeks vacation time for each six months and assist his trainee, if it is desired, in making the necessary arrangements. A medical plan has been established for treatment of illnesses resulting subsequent to the trainee's arrival; exact terms and expenses covered can be ascertained through the Akron office. In assignments to industrial firms where accident frequency is higher, it is requested that the sponsoring firm or individual purchase an accident policy to cover accident expenses and dismemberment indemnities.

Since customs, manners, living standards and working methods in America are new to the trainees, patience and Christian love are important on the part of both the sponsor and the trainee to make this a happy and worthwhile experience. Language differences must also be met with patience.

This is an experience in international living and an excellent way to exchange ideas—a time to work, play and worship together. If at all possible the trainees should be given the opportunity to take part in all the phases of the work on the farm or in the home. One should be careful not to leave to them all the more disagreeable tasks but rather to work side by side. The girls want a chance to bake cakes and pies, and the boys would like to learn to drive the tractor. Opportunity should be given for taking part in church and community activities and for visiting neighboring communities and churches.

If you are interested in this experience of international living and want to sponsor a trainee for six months, write to:

Mennonite Central Committee
Training Program, Akron, Pa.

A Bridge of Understanding

"I leave many good friends here, but I hope some day our bridge, which we trainees from the different countries help build, will be

finished and that you, Mary, John or Virginia, can walk over and visit us and enjoy our European life with us, too."

This was a comment by one of the members of a recent group of international trainees which came from Europe and other continents to spend a year in American Mennonite homes under the sponsorship of the Mennonite Central Committee.

The Mennonite trainee program began in the summer of 1950 when 21 young men from Mennonite communities in Europe came to spend a year on American farms. Mennonite relief workers abroad and others who were close to the student exchange program thought that an exchange of agricultural youth would be valuable because the very backbone of our Mennonite churches in both Europe and America is composed of farm people. Since that time the program has been amplified to include both young men and women, from many other occupations in addition to agriculture and from countries other than Europe.

The trainee program is registered by the Mennonite Central Committee with the U.S. State Department, International Educational Exchange Services and is only a part of the total exchange program conducted through the State Department. The State Department describes the significance of the exchange program in its booklet, "Swords and Plowshares":

"Exchanges under the program are beginning to influence, in ever-widening circles, the people of our own and other countries. Misconceptions and enmities are being torn down and new understandings and friendships are rising in their place. All of this represents a new American achievement—an achievement in international human relations as significant in our history as the spanning of the continent by the first railroad or the invention of the automobile."

Rescue Mission Erects \$150,000 Building

London, Ont. — Construction was scheduled to begin late last month on the new \$150,000 building of the Goodwill Rescue Mission in London.

Founded in 1951 to aid needy men of all races and creeds, the mission has outgrown its present facilities, an old warehouse. The new three-story building, of fireproof construction, will have dormitory capacity of 80 beds.

Mennonite churches of western Ontario have supported the mission since it began, and are also helping finance the new structure. Other funds are provided by a \$39,000 provincial government grant, a City of London grant of \$26,000, and contributions from the community.

Rev. Alvin N. Roth is the mission superintendent.



Photo to your left: At the trainee conference. Seated left to right: Miss Emma Schlichting, director of the trainee program; Elizabeth Wilhelm, Switzerland; Uke Bosma, Netherlands. Standing, left to right: Ulrich Herrmann, Germany; Johnny Jeropulas, Greece; Rev. Jacob T. Friesen, pastor of First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio.

Photo to your right: Trainee Conference, Bluffton, Ohio, Feb. 17-19. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schutz, Pandora, Ohio, greet Wolfram Driedger of Uruguay, who will live with them for six months.

NEWS from HERE and THERE

A Church With a Great Audience

A church in Memphis, Tenn., which already had 10,000 members, has added some 50,000 persons to its Sunday morning service at a cost of only \$200 a week. Three years ago Bellvue Baptist Church celebrated the 30th year of the leadership of its pastor, Dr. Robert G. Lee, by purchasing some \$60,000 of TV equipment to telecast Sunday morning worship services. It was the very latest equipment—some of the city's commercial TV stations still do not own such modern equipment. The church's only cost now is \$200 a week for air time. This is a greatly reduced price because the church has its own equipment and has trained four of its members to operate the cameras. A New York City research firm recently reported that the church's TV audience has in some weeks numbered 75,000 persons.

Youth Missionary Program

Assemblies of God youth contributed \$328,000 in 1960 to the denomination's Speed-the-Light missionary program. This brought the 16-year total for the project up to more than \$3,600,000. Funds of the Assemblies' 5,000 youth groups known as Christ's Ambassadors have purchased 1,746 vehicles, printing equipment and \$125,000 in radio facilities for missionary work in 73 countries. Large printing plants are located in Brazil, South Africa, Nigeria, Nyasaland, Italy and Germany. Major installations of gospel radio equipment have been made in Southern Asia, the Southwest Pacific and in Central America.

New Era in Quebec

Edward Kerr of Montreal, chairman of an interdenominational evangelistic project, whose goal is to visit every French-Canadian home with free Scriptures, said that under the new provincial government of Premier Jean Lesage "a new era" was beginning for Protestants in Quebec. "The atmosphere has changed," Mr. Kerr said. A short time ago our people were jailed, now they get police protection." Among those cooperating in home visitation and Bible distribution were the Evangelical Baptists, Canada Conference of EUB, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and the Mennonites.

Youth Dedication in East Germany

A special effort is being made to enlist the whole of the youth of countries behind the Iron Curtain to the Communistic Youth Dedication ceremony (Communistic counterpart of confirmation) in the spring of 1961. Last year, according to one observer, 70 per cent of the East German youth submitted

to the ceremony, not because they were convinced of the communistic ideology but because of the fact that unless they submitted they would be barred from advanced education in technical colleges. Teachers have been instructed that they should strive to persuade at least 85 per cent of their pupils to take part in the communistic dedication.

Religious Education Resolution Defeated

Toronto — A resolution demanding an end to religious education in public schools was defeated Saturday after a stormy debate by the Toronto and district CCF council. The resolution was defeated 30-22 after several members said it would prove unpopular at election time.

Yiddish Magazine in Russia

A Yiddish language magazine has been promised Jews in the Soviet Union. To be known as "Soviet Homeland," the magazine, according to author Aaron Wergelis, the editor, will reach 25,000 Jewish homes. This will be the first Yiddish magazine to be published in Russia since 1946 when all Yiddish papers were banned under Stalin and the Yiddish Theatre closed.

Catholicism in Africa

Rome — The number of Catholics in African missions dependent on the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith increased from four and one-half million in 1933 to 21 million, as of June 30, 1959. The report, to appear soon in a volume entitled "The Work of the Holy See in 1960," said that in the same 16-year period the number of African priests increased from 237 to 2,000, indicating that "the church in Africa is becoming ever more African and is making ever more progress."

The Bible in Africa

Rhodesia — An official of the British and Foreign Bible Society recently reported that the huge task of translating the Bible into some 800 different African tongues is not quite half finished. He reported that the complete Bible is now available in 48 different African languages, the New Testament in an additional 96, and single Gospels and other portions of the Scriptures in another 184 languages.

Protestants in Colombia

According to a recent statistical report, there are 33,156 Protestants among the 14 million inhabitants of Colombia. Seventh-Day Adventists lead with 11,886 members. The rest of the population is mostly Catholic. Mennonites would probably total several hundred.

Tourists See Hong Kong

Hong Kong — World Church Service, discouraged over the fact that many tourists see the beauties of Hong Kong but fail to get a glimpse of the "refugee world," has decided to purchase a bus which will be used to give visitors some idea of the crowded and impoverished conditions where church workers are performing their errands of mercy.

Abortions Declared Child Murders

Vatican City — The Vatican Radio, in a series of broadcasts to Communist Poland, urged Catholics there not to be misled by government campaign slogans urging them to take advantage of new laws legalizing abortions on social and economic grounds.

The station described abortions as "child murders" and stressed that in every country where they have been legalized, the result has been a great weakening of morals.

Migration to Australia

Vienna — About 36,000 people have emigrated from Austria to Australia since 1953, the Australian Immigration Mission says. This figure includes 10,000 Hungarian refugees who fled to Austria after the Hungarian uprising of 1956.

Vacation Trip Spending

Americans spend about \$10 billion a year for automobil vacation trips. The estimated total includes all expenses such as gas, oil, hotels, food and miscellaneous items.

Largest Airline

The world's largest airline is the Soviet-owned Aeroflot, which has more than 350,000 route miles and serves 129 major airports.

Noisy Falls

The roar of water plunging as much as 355 feet over Victoria Falls on Africa's Zambezi River can be heard 20 miles away.

Heated Highway

London — Britain's first stretch of heated highway will open next November. Electric wire embedded in the road's foundations will prevent ice from forming on the road and will dry it after rain.

Responsibility

Personnel man: "We need someone who is responsible."

Applicant: "That's me. Wherever I've worked, if anything ever went wrong, they told me I was responsible."

Women Drivers

More than 80 per cent of the summary convictions against women in Canada each year are for traffic offences.

Whale Killing

About 20,000 sperm whales are killed yearly. A 60-foot whale yields 80 barrels of sperm oil.

Popular Good Books

Smith's Story of the Mennonites

By C. Henry Smith. 856 pp.

This standard Mennonite history book has undergone another revision and is now in its fourth edition. Dr. Cornelius Krahn undertook both the 1950 and the 1957 revisions, bringing the book up-to-date to these years, although the last revision has not been as comprehensive as the 1950 one.

The book starts in Switzerland and Holland with men like Conrad Grebel and Menno Simons. The author then takes the reader through persecution and migration in Prussia, Germany, Russia, and the new world, North and South America. He outlines the cultural, economic, social and religious developments, with their joys and sorrows, as well as their work at home and abroad coming to light in the account. The network of missions and service "in the name of Christ" are covered, as well as the origin of the various Mennonite groups.

Though written in the style of a textbook, the average person will find this a readable and lucid story—one from which he will gain a new understanding and appreciation for his heritage.

Price: \$4.50

Teaching for Results

By Findley B. Edge. 230pp.

In this thorough treatment of the art of teaching, Dr. Edge stresses the importance of definite teaching goals, particularly the conduct goal. Purposeful Bible study and securing "carry-over" from class to actual life through life-centred lesson plans are emphasized. A chapter on methods of testing shows how to determine the effectiveness of teaching techniques.

Price: \$3.00

Abandoned to Christ

By L. E. Maxwell. 248pp.

In this book the revealed mystery of the Cross, where death in Christ becomes a gateway into life and liberty, is brought to bear upon our lives with such concrete effectiveness that no one can read this earnest and challenging book and remain unchanged by it. By the principal of Prairie Bible Institute.

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Prayer — Asking and Receiving

175,000 copies of this 330-page book have been printed. Dr. John R. Rice, who is the author of this book, here informs the reader how to pray in the will of God, how to grow in faith, how to really get things from the Lord and to have the joy of daily experiencing that our prayers are answered. \$3.00

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YOUTH IN ACTION

Initiating Service Program for Young People

Hillsboro, Kans. — The Mennonite Brethren Church is initiating a program to use the services of its young people and other unutilized members in its witness and outreach.

Initial policies for the establishment of the program were approved by its Board of General Welfare at its February 23-25 meeting. To be known as the Christian Service Program of the Mennonite Brethren Church, it will be comparable to voluntary service programs and will include the 1-W services of the conference.

The program is being developed under the leadership of Dwight Wiebe, who has been appointed secretary for Christian service. Brother Wiebe began working with the 1-W and youth service program of the conference last fall.

The program will be related to the conference projects in missions, city outreach, higher education, and mental health. Young people are currently being processed for assignments among the Latin Americans in southern Texas, among the Sioux Indians in southwestern South Dakota, in the Tabor College building program, and at Bethesda Home, Vineland, Ont.

Leaving for Asuncion

Alice Dueck, Coaldale, Alta., will serve for two years as secretary to Frank Wiens, MCC director in Asuncion, Paraguay. She is a member of the Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dueck, Box 195, Coaldale, Alta.

She graduated from Coaldale Consolidated school and is a 1959 graduate of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Man., where she received the Bachelor of Religious Education degree.

Favorite Hymns

"The Old Rugged Cross" remains America's best-loved hymn, according to a poll taken by the **Christian Herald**. Runner-up in the survey is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Others ranking among the top 12 were, in this order: "In the Garden," "How Great Thou Art," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Abide with Me," "Rock of Ages," "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Amazing Grace," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Beyond the Sunset," and "Blessed Assurance." While ministers voted generally for the more serious hymns, they chose "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" as No. 1. Biggest surprise in the balloting, according

to these who conducted the survey, was that "How Great Thou Art," a newcomer to the United States, was in fourth place. This song was written in Sweden in 1885 and was translated later into several European languages, including Russian. Discovered in the Ukraine and translated by an English missionary, it was popularized in America through its use in Billy Graham's evangelistic meetings.

Who Cares?

One of the leading newspaper editors in America was one day visited by a minister who, taking him by the hand, said: "I have come to ask you to be a Christian." He withdrew his hand from the minister's, turned and walked across to one of the windows and stood looking into the street.

The minister thought he had grieved him. Finally the man returned, his face wet with tears. Taking the minister's hand, he said, "Thank you, sir. With the exception of my mother, when I was a bit of a boy at her knee, nobody, not even my wife, or my best friend, or even the minister, has ever put to me such a question."

Then, sinking into a chair, he added, "I thought no one cared."

Channeling Psalm 23

The TV is my shepherd, my spiritual growth shall want.

It makes me sit down and do nothing for the cause of Christ because it requireth all my spare time.

It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good programs that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world; it keepeth me from studying God's Word.

It leadeth me in the paths of failure to attend the worship services.

Yea, though I live to be an hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work.

For my TV is my close companion; its sound and picture they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family.

It filleth my head with ideas that differ from those set forth in the Word of God.

Surely no good thing will come of my life because of my TV, which offers me no time to do the Will of God.

And I will dwell in spiritual poverty forever.

—Christophany,
Perth Bible Institute, Australia

Books of Tremendous Value

The Christian Teacher

In this 288-page book Dr. Clarence H. Benson dwells on the following subjects: 1) The Task of Reaching Mentality, Personality and Spirituality, 2) The Personality, Preparation, Aims and Aids of the Teacher, 3) The Point of Contact with the Pupil, Interrogation, Testing and Behaviour of the Student, 4) Assembling, Organizing, Illustrating and Applying Sunday School Material, 5) The Laws, Methods, Procedure, Observation and Practice of Teaching. \$3.50

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Principles of Teaching for Christian Teachers

In the 352 pages of this book Dr. C. B. Eavey gives evidence that he has a thorough knowledge of the pertinent points, of the philosophy and technique of teaching. It is suitable as a text for Bible institutes and seminaries and it is a worthwhile book for parents, teachers and preachers. \$3.00

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Teaching for Results

Here are 230 pages of good study material in which Dr. Findley B. Edge stresses the importance of definite teaching and conduct goals. The author sets up some basic principles to guide the teacher and he also gives an example of the application of each of these principles. This book is a tremendous help for all those who have a responsibility in the field of teaching. \$3.00

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Ten Steps to Leadership

The following is a statement made about this 172-page book: "Have you ever said, 'I wish I could be a leader, but I'm just not cut out to be one'? Then this is the book for you to purchase without delay, for it represents a brand new approach to the problem of leadership by showing how you may become a leader. The ten steps are: Wish, Grow, Understand, Pray, Think, Speak, Plan, Cooperate, Serve, and they are discussed in an interesting and enthusiastic manner which will instill confidence in the reader. \$2.25

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Christian Maturity

Here is a 137-page book of compelling and dynamic interest to every person. It delineates with discerning clarity the great need for Christians to "grow up" and mature spiritually. The five themes which Richard C. Halverson treats in this book are: 1) Food for the Fed-up, 2) The Divine Initiative, 3) True Righteousness and its Counterfeit, 4) The Adequacy of Grace, and 5) How to Be Yourself. \$2.75

God's Provision for Normal Christian Living

"The simple formula around which Dr. Robert T. Ketchan has written this 154-page book is: God never asks any man or woman under any circumstances to be or to do anything for Him without at the moment placing at his or her disposal ample and adequate provision to be and to do that thing. God's commandments are God's enablements." \$2.75

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The Art of Soul-Winning

"This 175-page book is a clear, Scriptural, and practical presentation of how to be a successful soul-winner. The material of this book has been put to the test in actual work and has proved to be a valuable and trustworthy guide." \$3.50

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With Christ After the Lost

Through the years this 291-page book has maintained a high rating of popularity and usefulness. The extensive use of pertinent passages of Scripture has been maintained to undergird the argument, strengthen the position, and give direction for conversation. The book was written by Dr. L. R. Scarborough and it was revised by Dr. E. D. Head. \$3.00

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Message and Mission

Dr. Eugene A. Nida has written this 253-page book. "A leading scholar and devout Christian, the author presents a thorough study of the means and methods which best communicate Christianity to people of diverse backgrounds." Dr. Nida is a well-known specialist in linguistics, anthropological studies, and the interpretation of the Christian faith. He has worked with missionaries on translation problems for about 20 years. It pays to buy his book. \$5.00

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The Bible as History

From the Nile, the Jordan, the Euphrates, the Tigris, the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean, Dr. Keller has gathered an overwhelming mass of evidence that, step by step, reveals the historical foundations of the Old and New Testaments. Years of work in Archaeology, Geology, Biology, Botany, Philology, Astronomy, Ornithology, Nuclear Physics by the best people in these fields has finally resulted in the writing of this 452-page book. Translated by Dr. William Neill. \$6.95

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EDUCATION

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MCI and CMBC Groups Visit Manitoba Churches

The radio choirs of Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, and of Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, together with four teachers toured five southern Manitoba churches during the weekend of March 4 and 5.

The program featured musical numbers by the joint choir under the direction of Mr. C. Zacharias and Mr. G. Wiebe, and several testimonies and two short messages centering around the general topic of Christian education. Rev. G. Ens, teacher at Gretna, spoke on the topic, "The Purpose of Christian Education," and Rev. H. Poettcker, president of CMBC, dealt with the topic, "The Relationship of Education and Missions."

The joint group enjoyed a warm welcome in the churches visited, even though deep snow prevented the bus from driving onto one church yard. Several of the students had parents or relatives in the churches, and many of them met former classmates. The churches visited were: the Whitewater groups at Mather, Boissevain, Lena and Crystal City, and the Bergthaler church in Morden.

Most meaningful was the spiritual fellowship which all enjoyed. Before the group left Gretna Saturday noon, time was given for a brief prayer session, asking God's blessing upon the proposed trip. The prayers were abundantly answered. The entire group expressed appreciation for God's goodness, and the teachers and students, as well as the churches which were visited, gave testimony to the fact that this venture had been most meaningful.

For this opportunity of visiting the churches with a joint program both schools are thankful.

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CMBC Choir Touring Churches

Winnipeg, Man. — The 36-member A Cappella choir of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College will travel west following the completion of the winter quarter this year. During the two-week tour the choir expects to visit 15 churches, mostly in B.C.

The repertoire will include Part I of Mendelssohn's oratorio St. Paul. George Wiebe is the director and Mrs. G. D. Wiebe the accompanist. Soloists are: Margaret Klassen and Judith Friesen, sopranos; Edna Regier, alto; Menno Wiebe and Cornie Matthies, tenors; Bill Thiessen, baritone, and Leonard Harder, bass. Rev. Henry Poettcker will travel with the group.

The tour schedule is as follows: March 23, Rosemary, Alta; March 24, Ritzville, Wash.; March 25, Kelowna, B.C.; March 26, Oliver; March 26, East Chilliwack; March 27, Chilliwack; March 28, Greendale; March 29, Yarrow; March 30, Mission City; March 31, West Abbotsford and Clearbrook; April 1, Aldergrove; April 2, Vancouver First Mennonite and Vancouver Mission; April 4, Coaldale, Alta.

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Ministers' Courses

Canadian Mennonite Bible College offered ministers' courses instructed by the faculty from February 6-17. There was an enrolment of twenty. The courses instructed were: Church History, Homiletics, Preaching from Acts, Word Studies from Galatians, Ezekiel, and The Plan of Salvation.

Presentation about the Hutterites

On February 16 the Literary Committee made possible an informative lecture on the Hutterian Brethren. Dr. Victor Peters, Winnipeg, presented his thesis on the Hutterian Brethren and showed some slides taken while studying life at the colonies.

Day of Prayer

February 24 was the annual "Day of Prayer" at CMBC. The theme for the day was, "Power Belongeth Unto God." Three emphases were considered: "Ask and it shall be given," "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," and "Seek and ye shall find." The day was enriched by messages, a film, a noon fast, presentations of work being done, challenges to witness, and a personal dedication. The day was closed with an informal evening of sharing.

Justina M. Pankratz

Mennonite Brethren Bible College News Release

Students Attend Missionary Institute

Five students of the College attended the Missionary Institute in Hillsboro, Kans., sponsored by the Board of Missions February 26 to March 3. The students, missionaries on furlough or candidates, reported to the student body concerning the valuable instruction they had received. Special speakers at the Institute were Dr. Clyde Taylor of the National Association of Evangelicals, Washington, D.C., and Dr. Reuben Baerg, Dean of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, Calif. The students making the trip to Hillsboro were Sarah Peters, Helen Fast, Myrtle Mendel, Lillian Stobbe and Siegfried Epp.

Choir to Visit West Coast

President J. A. Toews announced that the A Cappella Choir of the College will tour the churches of British Columbia during the Easter recess. Several churches such as Herbert, Grassy Lake, and Coaldale will be visited enroute. Accompanying the choir will be Rev. J. J. Toews, director of Christian service. The choir intends to leave March 30 and be back on the campus April 10.

Baerg to Speak at Bible Conference

Rev. Henry R. Baerg will present a series of lectures on I Corinthians at the North Kildonan M. B. church. The sessions will convene March 17-19. Speaking with Mr. Baerg will be the Rev. Herman Lenzman, instructor at the Winkler Bible School. Special evening services are planned in conjunction with the conference.

Winkler Students Visit College

The upper classmen of the Winkler Bible School were the guests of the College on March 9. Accompanying the group was one of the instructors, the Rev. J. H. Quiring of Winkler. The group visited classes and heard special lectures by the president, dean and director of Christian service of the College. They were introduced to the various activities of the College by the student council.

Students Reach Missionary Goal

A special missionary project of the students to supply the needed funds for a classroom in the Bible School in Brazil was successfully completed. The goal was to supply approximately one thousand dollars, and to date nine hundred and sixty dollars have been given. A few pledges are yet to be brought in. The funds will be transferred to the Board of Missions in Hillsboro.

The other offerings in the meetings amounted to twelve hundred dollars.

Summer School Courses Announced

President J. A. Toews announced the dates for the Summer Session to be held July 10 to July 28. Two courses will be offered. President Toews will offer a course in Principles of Church Evangelism stressing the New Testament principles which guide the church in seeking to evangelize the community. Dean Frank C. Peters will offer a course in the Writings of Peter, an exegetical study of the First and Second Epistles of Peter. Several applications have already come in. Information is presently being prepared and should be ready for distribution in a week or so. As in previous years, students will be able to board on the campus.

Entrance Requirements for Teachers' College Raised

Higher entrance requirements for students entering Manitoba Teach-

ers' College will become effective September 1, 1961. Hon. Stewart E. McLean, minister of education, said that from that date, candidates will have to have a full grade 12 of six subjects in order to qualify for MTC entrance.

Last year entrance requirements were raised so that a teacher candidate needed a minimum of four grade 12 subjects. Previous to that, two grade 12 subjects were required.

The new requirements, effective next fall, call for a grade 12 with six subjects, which differs from senior matriculation in that no language is required. Mr. McLean said he hoped that by September, 1962, the entrance requirements to Manitoba Teachers' College would be a grade 12 senior matriculation, although he stressed that he was not certain about that.

Mr. McLean noted a drop in the number of permit teachers in the province as the teacher supply situation was improved. A year ago there were 95 permit teachers in the secondary schools of Manitoba, at the present time there are 62. Permit teachers in the province's elementary schools totalled 82 as of December 30, 1959. The 1960 total is 55. Mr. McLean said that the province is very close to eliminating the use of permit teachers in the Manitoba school system. Department officials indicate that it is extremely likely that the number of permit teachers in secondary schools will drop to zero for the 1961-62 school year.

The minister reported that 759 students are currently taking teacher training in the province at Manitoba Teachers' College, Brandon College, and the Faculty of Education of the University of Manitoba.

Winnipeg Free Press

Accurate Atomic Clock

Washington — The United States Air Force said recently it has an atomic clock so accurate that its biggest error would not exceed one second in 1,271 years.

The 62½-pound instrument is called an airborne atomic frequency standard. It will replace the numerous crystal oscillators now required to calibrate airborne communications, navigation, guidance, fire control, computers and timing devices.

The air force research and development command at nearby Andrews Air Force Base, Md., said the clock is expected to become operational for use in missiles and aircraft next year. The clock not only can be made airborne, the air force said, but can replace present-day atomic laboratory units weighing more than 600 pounds. It added that no radiation hazard is involved in its use.

Winnipeg Free Press

The Drama "A Mighty Fortress"

will be presented in the MBBC chapel, Winnipeg, March 24 and 25 at 8:00 p.m. Everyone welcome! Sponsored by the College Literary Committee.

Abe Dueck

ON THE HORIZON

March 19-26. — Evangelistic Meetings will be held in Oliver Gospel Chapel. Rev. Elmer Warkentin is the evangelist.

March 26 to April 2. — Evangelistic services at the Brandon M. B. church, with Rev. Art Martens of Hepburn, Sask., as guest speaker.

April 2. — Easter, Resurrection Day Commemoration.

April 7-9. — Canadian M.B. Sunday School Convention in British Columbia.

April 16. — Graduation Exercises at Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Man.

June 18. — Graduation at Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.



Miss Sally Schroeder and Mrs. David Nightingale checking letters from listeners at the card file.

Letters from 40 Countries

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ministry as a source of spiritual encouragement and nurture. Sally Schroeder has received word that her uncle hears the broadcast in Russia. A widow with three children writes that she and many others receive their daily spiritual bread by listening to this radio voice from South America.

That the program is valued is also evidenced by financial contributions

by listeners. During the past year \$365,000 have been received from Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany and New Zealand.

It is evident from the record above that the responses come from very widely-scattered areas. It is a ministry to the scattered German-speaking people throughout the world. Many of them have no other way of hearing the gospel in their mother tongue. Because of the widely scattered audience, it is impossible to give the personal attention to all the responses as a local radio program can.

The past nine years of experience have established the necessity of contacting listeners personally. The Board of Missions has authorized David Nightingale to plan an extensive visit to contact the areas of concentrated response. Such a visit will require some time of preparation and is visualized for some time in 1962.

The assignment of Elsie Kroeker to the Rimmer Memorial Hospital in Quito will provide assistance to the present staff in the area of music.

The hospital has consented to arrange the schedule for Sister Kroeker in such a way that she can contribute with her musical talent.

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