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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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Graduation Exercises of Winkler Bible School



Pniel Sunday School Course graduates. Left to right, front row: Viola Poetker, Harry Martens, Clarence Janzen, Jake Siebert, John Arendt, Ron Peters, Hazel Enns; second row: Patricia Hyde, Margaret Arendt, Erna Heier, Irene Loewen, Lydia Nikkel, Margaret Toews, Hertha Neufeld, Elizabeth Poetker.

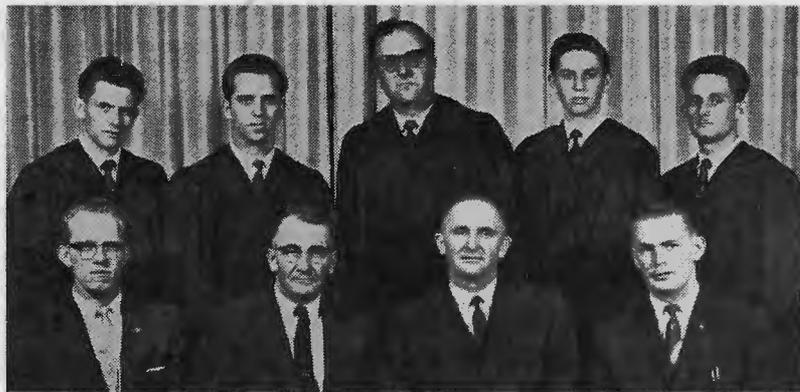
A capacity crowd attended the graduation exercises of the Pniel Bible School held in the Winkler M. B. church on April 16 at 2 p.m. Five students graduated from the regular 4-year Bible course and fifteen received the diploma for having successfully completed the 3-year Sunday School Course.

Mr. John Hiebert, valedictorian of the fourth year students, spoke of the goal of the graduating class, basing his remarks on Isa. 35:8.

Miss Patricia Hyde, who presented the valedictory speech in the name of Class III, quoted Prov. 2: 27 and dwelt on the crossroads of life and on the battles and blessings at Bible school. "Press-on," (Sam 2:9) was her exhortation to the non-graduating students.

Mr. Peter Engbrecht, a student who represented the first two classes, spoke of the spiritual gain which

they had received by attending Bible school. He expressed grate- (Continued on page 4-1)



Pniel Bible School faculty members and Regular Bible Course graduates. Left to right, front row: Rudy Baerg, Herman Lenzmann, John H. Goossen, principal, Leonard Doerksen; second row: Bill Poetker, Frank Dyck, Henry D. Loewen, Dave B. Dueck, John Hiebert.

"Sowing and Reaping" Theme of Canadian M.B. Sunday School Conference

Beautiful spring sunshine, blooming flowers and budding trees, not to mention a host of friendly people, bade a very warm welcome to the 408 delegates who gathered at the Mennonite Educational Institute auditorium at Clearbrook, B.C., on April 7-9 for the annual Canadian M. B. Sunday School Conference. It was six years ago since the first convention such as this had been held in B.C.

Registration figures revealed that the delegates were distributed as follows: Ontario—3, Manitoba—16, North and South Saskatchewan—17, Alberta—24 and British Col-

umbia—346. Two were present from the United States. These all had come to receive new instruction and inspiration in the very important field of Sunday school work.

On April 6, the day prior to the conference, the Canadian Sunday School Committee together with the representatives of our five M. B. Bible schools and our College met to discuss their annual business. (Continued on page 9-1)

Two Brethren to Visit South America

Rev. J. B. Toews, secretary of the M. B. Mission Board, and Rev.

Waldo Hiebert, instructor at the Fresno M. B. Seminary, have received the assignment of attending the forthcoming South American M. B. Conference which is to take place this summer.

Steinbach Bible Institute

Missionary Conference

The annual missionary conference of the Steinbach Bible Institute was held April 5-7. The main speaker was Rev. Allen Wiebe, field chairman of the Congo Inland Mission. Other speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Gladwin Plett, West Indies Mission; Dr. Henry Hildebrandt, Mrs. Art Janz and Mary Hiebert, Congo Inland Mission; Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, working with the Back to

Deeper Life and Better Service

M. B. Church (43rd and Prince Ed.) Vancouver, B.C. — March 19 marked the beginning of the "Deeper Life" campaign with Rev. H. Unrau of Brier Crest Bible Institute, Caronport, Sask., as speaker. In the morning he served us with a very fitting message on, "The Beauty of the Lord," based on Ps. 90: 14-17. This searching message revealed that the beauty of the Lord in us will make us magnets for the Lord.

Rev. J. Siemens from California was also guest speaker that morning. He had come to attend the funeral services of Mr. Abram Cornelson, which were held on March 15. Mr. Cornelson had not quite reached the age of 74 when the Lord called him home. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the relatives and friends.

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Commencement at MBBC

Rev. John G. Baerg of Virgil, Ont., will be the speaker at the Spring Commencement exercises at the M.B. Bible College on May 28. The Rev. Baerg is a graduate of Tabor College and has served several churches in the United States before coming to Ontario as pastor of the Virgil Mennonite Brethren Church. He is well-known in the constituency as an evangelist and Bible teacher.

The Baccalaureate Service will be conducted in the College Chapel on Thursday, May 25, with President J. A. Toews bringing the message. The annual banquet in honour of the graduates will take place Friday, May 26.

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EDITORIAL

Choosing a Life's Vocation

The choice of an occupation is one of the most important factors in life. To select the right kind of work forms a problem with many, especially in view of the more than 1500 occupations which our modern age is able to provide, due to the many inventions and discoveries made in recent centuries and decades. The more nearly the aptitudes of the individual fit the occupation, the more congenial and satisfactory is the career. To follow the natural inclination with a reasonable motivation, appears to be eminently wise. To disregard the drift of one's natural gift in the choice of an occupation is like putting "square men into round holes and round men into square holes."

Some minds readily indicate the pursuit for which their gifts would qualify them. When Benjamin West was a little boy, he drew a picture of his baby sister as she lay in the cradle asleep. The likeness was so striking that his mother, expressing her admiration, imprinted a kiss on his cheek. Forty years later Mr. West said, "That kiss made me a painter."

When Smeaton was a boy who still wore short trousers, his father discovered him on the top of his barn putting up a windmill which he had made. His father wanted to make a lawyer of him, but the boy thought more of engines than of Homer. His gifts fitted him for a particular place and thus he became a celebrated English engineer.

At an early age Isaac Watts' propensity for rhyming became irresistible. His father was so utterly displeased with the direction of the boy's interest, that he began flogging him, in order to expel from his soul all thought of rhyming. In the midst of the punishment and while tears ran down his cheeks the young boy cried, "Dear father, do some pity take And I will no more verses make."

The father soon realized that that which was born in the heart could not be driven out with a rod and thus he permitted his boy to develop into a poet.

The talents of most young people are not as manifest as seen in the preceding examples. The choice of a profession is a more problematic task with them. Thoughtfulness, sound judgment, and time are indispensable with them as they make their choice. However, difficulties are overcome by a sincere desire to make the best of one's life which guides to a profitable and satisfactory employment.

Sometimes youths choose an occupation for which they are not fitted. They consult either their parents or their own urge for honorable pursuits. Never should a profession be chosen without the Lord's guidance and a thorough self-examination as to one's God-given talents. It is more respectable to do a little thing well and with honor than to do a big thing poorly and reap dishonor.

Some people are given a place and position in life without much regard to a lengthy time for a decision. They have probably spent a considerable time of their life in a profession which they had already chosen. Then a change comes rather late in life which causes people to go into a different direction. Thus Andrew, Peter, James and John were professional fishermen. Without having planned any change in their occupation, they became great evangelists. Ulysses Simpson Grant was a farmer, broker, and tanner, but then without too much regard to his own choice he became the eighteenth president of the United States.

When the God-given occupation has been selected, there should be a devotion to that God-given cause. Praying Hyde was often so engrossed in his prayers as a missionary that he failed to think of food even though it was time to eat. Sir Isaac Newton declared that his success was won wholly by "continuous application." He often forgot his meals and sometimes he pursued his studies into the late hours of the night without having noticed that the sun had set.

The outstanding and very famous educator, Horace Mann, devoted himself so wholeheartedly to the cause of education that he stated, "Diligence became my second nature," and "Work has always been to me what water is to the fish."

A similar statement was made by a former English prime minister, Benjamin Disraeli. He said, "Mastery of a subject is attainable only through continuous application." Often a less capable, but a plodding, faithful student, who does the best he

can, will, in the long run, leave his brilliant, talented fellow student far in the rear.

The one with only two talents, who, however, has an invincible purpose, and who applies himself persistently, may outrun the one with ten talents in the race of life. It is the spirit of consecration to a worthwhile and noble purpose which bids defiance to difficulties, obstacles and hardships of every kind. It is said of Columbus, that no one would have blamed him if he would have returned on his dangerous voyage to the Western Hemisphere. But it is equally true that no one would have remembered him, if he would have returned without having discovered America.

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

The Divine Diagnosis of the State of Christianity at the End Time

Rev. 3:14-22

(By the late Dr. A. H. Unruh upon special permission. Translated by the Rev. A. P. Dirks, North Kildonan, Man.)

At the beginning of the letter to Laodicea, the Lord introduces Himself. By the impression the church receives it is to pay close attention to the words of the Lord. His words are the light by which He shines into the heart. The Lord is here doing what the psalmist of the Old Covenant prayed for when he asked God to search his heart. He makes the church aware of its condition. He brings to light what is concealed in the heart and what is covered by church formality. A searching of that kind is required at the present. It is better to acknowledge our lukewarmness before the age comes to a close and to repent, lest we be spit out when He comes for the faithful church.

This diagnosis is undertaken by the Lord of the church, Who is searching for the fruit of this body. We should differentiate between judgments made by someone who intends to discover positive traits of character and someone who wants to detect our faults. A good teacher aims at having his students acquire more knowledge. He tests his pupil in order to see the fruit of his work and efforts, not to confuse him. Similarly the Lord acts. He founded the church and it is His desire to see the fruit.

In this disposition He values the smallest fruit. We note the same things in all the letters to the churches. In spite of all the defects, the Lord commands the positive attitude. He is very definite in His judgment, as we find Him demonstrating it in dealing with the church at Sardis, when He mentions the few members who have not defiled their garments. It is regrettable to note in our present day that many churches are forsaken because there are only a few believers.

The searching is done by the Lord Himself Who knows the general state of Christianity. Quite different is the judgment of the conventionalists who only value their traditions. And how differently do the enthusiasts judge who consider their feelings and adherence as decisive. To the former dogma is the

rule of judgment, whereas the latter merely use their feelings as guide. They do not apply Christ's standard to judge Christian life. However, Jesus knows what the true Christian standard is, therefore He establishes the right diagnosis. Unless a physician has a thorough knowledge of the functions of the heart, etc. he cannot be trusted in his investigations. A medical student with little experience might arrive at a diagnosis, but its accuracy may be doubted. With regard to the Lord's judgment about the church of Laodicea, we may fully trust Him.

In His letter to Laodicea, the Lord does not examine the single actions they have confessed, but rather the inner attitude of the heart. Moses was punished for his wrong act and was not permitted to enter the Holy Land, yet he was rewarded in heaven because of the right attitude of his heart. The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews characterized him thus: "Moses was faithful in all his house." It is possible to imitate single deeds, but it is impossible to copy the attitude of the heart. A physician may come to the conclu-

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CHURCH NEWS

Inspiring Services at Leamington

The past few weeks have been busy but blessed ones for the choir of our church. Early in March, Mr. Peter J. Dick, teacher at Eden Christian College, conducted a weekend music course for our choir members, culminating in a special program given by the choir on Sunday evening, March 5.

On March 29, the second service of the "Holy Week Services" was held in our church with Rev. Herman Moes, Grand Rapids, Mich., as guest speaker. Our choir supplied special music for the evening.

On Good Friday, our choir took part in a special program at the Campbell Ave. Baptist Church in Windsor, Ont. The feature of the evening was a mass choir of 100 voices. The participating choirs were from Essex, Harron, Cottom, Windsor and Leamington. Frank Bartel, Leamington, and Ed Reimer, Windsor, were the conductors. The church was filled to overflowing and we were privileged to hear a program of sacred music such as we have not heard for a long time. We sincerely hope this will become an annual event.

Our congregation had the pleasure of having Dr. G. Froese, missionary to India, serve us with a report and message on March 12. Then on April 9 we were visited by Rev. and Mrs. John Unger, our home mission workers in Hamilton, Ont. In the morning service, Brother Unger spoke in German on the theme, "Froehliche Nachfolge." The evening service was sponsored by our Young Women's Mission Group. Brother Unger gave the message, "The Sower and the Seed," and the ladies' choir supplied the special music. Our mission workers at home and abroad have made themselves available to God to be used in His vineyard. God grant that we as laymen may do the same and follow Christ's exhortation in Acts 1:8: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Mr. Franz Bartel, our deacon, is now recuperating at home after

tion that our heart is poor, even though our whole body is healthy, which may shock us. Our High Priest has true compassion with our weaknesses, but He will never suffer a false attitude of heart. That is why He first teaches our heart. A housewife may prepare the best food for her husband and arrange the home most comfortably to please him, but if she fails to offer her heart's affection, all is useless. Thus the Lord will not suffer that the church, His bride, remain indifferent in her attitude toward Him.

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spending the past four weeks in Windsor Metropolitan Hospital.

Mrs. Gertrude D. Wiens

Spiritual Edification Through Visitors

Calgary, Alta. — "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night" (I. Thess. 5:2). This was the theme of a drama written by Peter J. Dick and presented by the young people of our church on the evening of March 12. To those who doubt the soon return of Christ the drama was a grim warning to make things right with God before it is too late. To Christians it served as an encouragement not to become weary, but to be ready at all times for His coming. A week later, our young people were invited by the Edmonton group, where the play was again presented.

On March 23, it was our privilege to hear Rev. M. B. John of India, accompanied by Brother H. K. Warkentin. Brother John gave us new insight into the life and work of the M. B. Church of India. His personal testimony was real proof that the same God is at work in India as here at home.

Our church was filled to capacity when the Coaldale Bible School favoured us with a challenging program, "The Message of Easter," on Sunday evening, March 26. A sacred drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," based on Matt. 16:24, was presented. This was followed by an Easter cantata, "The Saviour Lives." The program was a fitting preparation for the Easter season.

We here in Calgary, still have only a basement in which to hold our services. However, plans are well under way for the building of the super-structure. We are looking forward to the time when we will have a complete church building in which to worship and serve our Lord better.

H. Schmidt

Applying Christ's Power, and Living for Him

Foam Lake, Sask. — It has been our pleasure and privilege to have visiting speakers in our midst during the Easter season. This is especially appreciated seeing we do not have a resident pastor at the present time.

On Good Friday, Rev. Ed Schmidt came from Saskatoon to serve us in an afternoon service which included the Lord's supper. He spoke on the theme, "There is Power in the Blood of Christ" (I Peter 1:18,19; Col. 1:9-22). He stated that there is power for cleansing, salvation, sanctification and victorious living. But if we neglect or reject this cleansing power,

there is condemnation.

A quartet and speaker from the Canadian Bible College, Regina, served us in song, testimony and message on Easter Sunday. The quartet sang, "Man of Sorrows," "Wounded for Me," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "What Will You Do with Jesus." The preacher spoke of the resurrection power of Christ and His Lordship. He is Master over death, life, distance, time, quality and quantity, as is evidenced by the miracles He performed. This dynamic power is available to us so that we may live overcoming lives. Christianity is a positive thing, but there are so many so-called, negative Christians today, who do not claim this resurrection power. Many are hypocrites, talking one thing and living another. They are stumbling blocks to their fellow men and to the unbelievers. The need today in the church is repentance and confession of our sin. May God help us to become humble before Him before He comes in judgment.

On Sunday, April 9, Brother Abe Giesbrecht of Weekes, Sask., with his wife and three children were here for a service. He chose as his theme, "Look and Live" (John 3:14,15; Num. 21:1-9). He compared the Christian to the Israelites who were delivered from bondage, yet were complaining and murmuring. They were discouraged, weary and disgusted with the daily manna from God. Many Christians today are in the same position. The Lord supplies all that is needed, we just have to receive it. Are we satisfied or are we complaining as the Israelites did? Remember, God sent judgment upon them and it wasn't until many had died that the others realized that they had sinned, and then they cried unto the Lord. They didn't want to pay the price for sin and begged Moses to take away the punishment. Man is still trying to escape punishment by his own means and his own righteousness instead of taking God's remedy. We need to look to the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sin of the world.

Our motto should be as Paul states in Phil. 1:21: "For me to live is Christ." If we were living for Christ continuously, we would not need to be judged by self, others or God. May this be our aim as we go forward in faith.

Mrs. A. Dell

First Services at the New Sanctuary

Regina, Sask. — First services in the newly-completed sanctuary of the Hill Avenue Mennonite Brethren Church in Regina were held recently with the brethren, E. Lautermilch and E. Martens of Swift Current, Sask., ministering. God spoke to us in this series of Deeper Life messages, and we wish to share with you a little of the blessings we received.

Each evening one of the speakers spoke especially to the boys and girls. Great excitement reigned among them on the last evening when Rev. Lautermilch had promised to tell them whether or not the back benches could speak. There was a lesson in the overcrowded back pews and the empty front pews of the average church, not only for the children, but for everyone.

Mr. Martens centred his sermons on practical Christianity: the creation of man, his purpose, his redemption and sanctification, practical faith, the importance of the name of Christ, the effective advertising of His name, growing to manhood in Christ. In his message on practical faith he said, "Faith is able to forgive and pardon, not just to bring forth new life. Faith wants to express itself. Gifts of faith vary in the church, but each must use the gift he has. Nor should we envy another his particular gift, but rather encourage him to use it. Faith is the heir of everything that God has provided."

Mr. Lautermilch spoke on the silences of Christ, the various characteristics of the hands of Christ, the book of Philemon, prayer, and knowing the will of God. He stressed the importance of being sure of God's will for our lives. "A call," he said, "is an opportunity plus the ability to take that opportunity." He went on to emphasize the necessity of heart preparation for a call, stating that God cannot use a careless Christian, nor one with conscious sin dulling his hearing. We must be sure that our bodies are sanctified, ready to be sacrificed for God. There must be no preconceived plan or preference about where and how we wish to serve. "Finally," he pointed out, "make sure that you obey God step by step daily."

God has spoken to us during these days. May we be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

Freda Neufeld

Mrs. Abram Voth †

My beloved Anna was the daughter of Frank and Katharina Peters (nee Rempel). She was born on the 18th of November, 1897, at Blumstein near Morden, Man., into a large family of ten children.

Here she spent the first seven years of her life until her father in 1904 took a homestead in the Rosthern district in northern Saskatchewan near Borden. Here the many experiences connected with life in a new settlement were encountered.

She grew up at Borden, received her schooling and attained a life of usefulness in the circle of her loved ones. After her father purchased a store in 1912 they moved to Heppburn, where she gained many friends through seven years of service in the store.

Under the influence of her parents and Sunday school teacher she

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MCC Offices Move to New Building



The new MCC office building, side view.



New MCC office building, front entrance.

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — MCC offices are now in the process of being moved into the new office building at 21 South Twelfth St., Akron. Moving of office personnel will take place Monday and Tuesday, April 17 and 18.

The new office building is the first and major step in the \$180,000 headquarters development plan authorized by the MCC Annual

Meeting on January 22-23, 1960. Ground for the building was broken on August 5, 1960.

Occupation of the new building is to be followed by renovations on other headquarters buildings. Over the years the administrative offices have been housed in scattered temporary buildings, which will now be used for housing and expanded orientation facilities.

Graduation at Winkler

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fulness to the students of the two upper classes, to the teachers and to all who had made their studies possible and pleasant.

Rev. J. J. Toews of Winnipeg was the graduation speaker. Having read II Cor. 2:14-17, he spoke on "The Victory of a Bible School Graduate" (or of a Christian). Special stress was laid on the necessity of being a sweet savour of Christ unto God and unto man.

Mr. John H. Goossen, principal of Pniel, with the assistance of Mr. Rudy Baerg, music teacher of the school, then presented diplomas to the Fourth and Third Year Graduating students.

The music for the graduation service was supplied by groups and the choir of the Bible school under the direction of Mr. Rudy Baerg. The solo, "May I be Like Jesus," sung by Mr. Baerg, and all the other songs proved to be a blessing to the very attentive audience.

Mr. Henry Schroeder of Elm Creek, speaking in behalf of the Pniel Alumni, presented a bursary to Mr. David Dueck of Boissevain, who had proven himself efficient in scholarship and who had also met other requirements for this splendid recognition. In the name of the Alumni Mr. Schroeder also presented a \$150 donation to the school for the purpose of increasing the number of library books, without which a school is hampered in its efforts.

Rev. Frank H. Friesen, chairman of the Board of Directors, expressed gratefulness to the faculty for their faithful and splendid service given to the school and especially to Mr. Rudy Baerg and Rev. J. H. Quiring, who are led to terminate their service at Pniel. Mr. John H. Goossen, Rev. Herman Lenzmann and Mr. Leonard Doerksen need the prayerful assistance of God's children as they continue their work in the school.

After the closing prayer by Rev. Lenzmann, the choir sang, "Father, O Hear Us."

Deeper Life

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Nine souls followed the Lord in baptism in the evening of March 19. They were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Fehdrau, Wanda Neufeld, Elsie Rausch, Alice Guenther, William Dueck, Rudolph Hildebrandt, Victor Koop and Ernest Friesen. Rev. P. Esau spoke in the German language on "The Symbolical Ordinance of Baptism." It symbolizes dying to the old life and entering upon a new life. Thus the church of Jesus Christ is being built. He also pointed out that the duty of the church lies not only in attaining the heavenly goal, but in being the salt of the earth, and that to a degree that will convince the world of eternal values. Our pastor, Rev. D. B. Wiens, performed the baptismal

ceremony. A ladies' trio served with special numbers.

Thursday, March 23, Rev. Unrau returned to continue the "Deeper Life" campaign. He concluded his services on March 25 with a youth rally. The Lord used His servant in a remarkable way. Young and old were led into closer fellowship with our God.

Two representatives of the Gideon Association reported on the far-reaching effects of Bible distribution throughout the world, on March 26. They were Mr. Fred Lucas and Dr. D. Epp, both of Vancouver. Truly, "... the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb. 4:12a).

Easter with its resurrection truths has renewed our hope and strengthened our faith in Him Who gained the victory over sin, death and hell.

The M. B. Bible College choir of Winnipeg presented a program here on April 6. They thoroughly proved to us that believers in the risen Saviour have someone to sing about. The Lord blessed the message in song, and in word as Rev. J. J. Toews, instructor at the college, spoke on "Peace" according to John 14:27.

Since the M. B. Sunday School Convention took place at Clearbrook, we were privileged to have Rev. A. Regier, chairman of the Canadian Sunday School Committee, as guest speaker at the morning service on April 9. He gave a very instructive message on "Characteristics of Effective Sunday School Work," using Matt. 28:18-20 for his text. He drew seven vital points to our attention, namely: 1) Qualified staff, 2) adequate materials, 3) proper grading, 4) effective organization, 5) appropriate facilities, 6) co-operative homes, 7) biblical objectives. He followed this up with a German message based on II Tim. 3:14-17: "The Four Main Factors of Christian Teaching."

Our responsibility on every hand is great. May we go forth with new strength and zeal to further the cause of Christ before the dark shadows of night close in on us.

Kathryne C. Klein

WEDDINGS

Pauls — Voth

Miss Neta Voth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Voth of Aldergrove, B.C., and Mr. Dave Pauls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Pauls of Clearbrook, B.C., were married on April 6 at the East Aldergrove M. B. church.

Rev. Herman Voth officiated and Rev. George Konrad spoke in English. A male quartet from the County Line M. B. Church sang two songs. Mrs. John Willms was the pianist.

The couple will reside in a home on McTavish Road, Aldergrove.

Dyck — Willms

Miss Irene Willms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Willms of Clearbrook, B.C., and Mr. Isaac Dyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dyck of Oliver, B.C., were married at the East Aldergrove M. B. church on April 3, 1961.

Rev. Herman Voth, pastor of the Aldergrove M. B. Church delivered a short German message. Rev. John Klassen of Oliver officiated and spoke in English.

Two solos were sung and the pianist was Miss Hilda Willms.

Guests were from Oliver, Kamloops and district.

The couple will reside at Oliver.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. P. Schellenberg of South Abbotsford, B.C., held their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the local M. B. church at Easter on April 2, 1961.

Future Subscribers

Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Froese, missionaries on furlough, of 397 Beverley St., Winnipeg, are happy to announce the birth on April 16 of their son Timothy James.

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Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rempel, 21 Fabian Place, Weston, Ontario, are happy to announce the arrival on April 14 of their chosen daughter Susan Joy, born January 3, 1961, a sister for Gaylene Carol.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Anna Dahl

Mrs. Anna Dahl, 70, died at Rosemae, Sask., on March 17. Funeral services were held at the Elbow Lutheran church. Rev. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon officiated. Mrs. Dahl's husband, Johann Dahl, died in the year 1958. Left to mourn are eight children and many relatives and friends.

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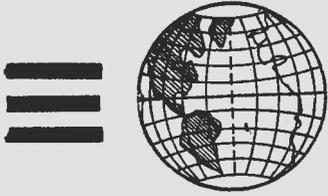
Mrs. John Friesen

On April 9, funeral services for Mrs. John Friesen, 75, were held from the Morden M. B. Church. Mrs. Friesen was a member of the Mennonite Church. In 1923 the Friesen family migrated from Russia to Canada. Three children as well as relatives and friends mourn over the death of Mrs. Friesen.

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Mrs. Katherina Dyck

The death of Mrs. Katherina Dyck, 93, of Dencross, Man., occurred at the Beausejour Hospital on April 8. Funeral services were held on April 12. Rev. H. Heppner officiated. One son, three daughters and many others are left to mourn the passing of Mrs. Dyck.



The Cause of Foreign Missions

Dear Praying Friends,

Recently I read Dr. V. Raymond Edman's "They Found the Secret." I was particularly challenged by the life of Major Ian Thomas, who for seven years after his conversion served the Lord sincerely, tirelessly, but, according to his own words, fruitlessly, until the Lord could show him, that it was Christ Who wanted to do the work through him. He had wanted to do the work which only Christ can do. I was so impressed that I have read and reread the first couple of verses of Col. 3 many times, accompanied by the prayer that "Christ who is your life" will henceforth do the work through me that I have wanted to do for Him.

On March 1, the first Ecuadorian Christian nurse in Quito began work in the Rimmer Memorial Hospital. She accepted the Lord recently. We study the Bible together several times a week. I have found the Navigators' Course for Follow-Up Work very helpful. Pray for Alba, which means "Dawn."

It seems marvellous to see how the latter part of Acts 16:31 is being fulfilled before our eyes in the family of Frida Cornejo, a young widow whose husband, a government official, was killed in the ghastly jet-crash in November. Through Frida's staunch faith during the time of testing, her mother, a brother, an aunt, and now a wealthy, spoiled young sister-in-law have come to the Lord. Many more are attending church and show great interest in the Lord Who can give calmness and quiet at all times.

The Lord opened the door for me to teach Religious Education to Protestant Children in the German school in Quito six hours a week. I have enjoyed the work very much and hope that also in this Christ may be glorified.

Holy Week means university retreat again. Since in Latin America the university students play such a very important role in politics, it is imperative that the students be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray with us that this retreat would be used of the Lord.

We have been greatly encouraged by mail we have been getting in response to the German program. Reception in Europe is improving somewhat for which we are thankful.

My Sunday school class of senior girls now has an enrollment of 20, among them 6 Quichua Indians, two Jivaros, one North American and

the rest Spanish. I am encouraged by the very good attendance and attitude as well as the spiritual growth on the part of several of these girls.

Thank you very much for your prayerful interest and letters. Without either of them we cannot do the work.

Joyously in Him,
Sally Schroeder

Congo Inland Mission to Observe 50th Anniversary

Elkhart, Ind. — The Congo Inland Mission, an inter-Mennonite missionary enterprise founded at Meadows, Ill., on March 22, 1911, will observe its 50th anniversary in a series of special events this month at Meadows and nearby Gridley, Ill.

The 50th anniversary service will be held Sunday, April 23. The anniversary address will be given by Harvey A. Driver, executive secretary of the mission, and Rev. L. E. Troyer, board chairman, will preside.

The service will also include a re-enactment of the first joint board meeting, introduction of missionaries, greetings from the Congo by recently returned workers, and a service of consecration.

The Bible Today

The Rev. F. J. Bedford, Bible Society Secretary for East Africa until his recent appointment as Assistant General Secretary of The British and Foreign Bible Society in London, England, reported a most unusual experience during the last trip through his territory before leaving for England. During his extensive journey Mr. Bedford arrived in the heart of the Kabaka's Kingdom of Buganda, at midnight. There was a crowd of five hundred people still waiting to welcome the visitors, and they insisted that a full meeting be held and a film shown. They dispersed after one o'clock in the morning rejoicing at the news they had heard concerning the distribution of the Scriptures.

Mr. Bedford attended the inauguration of the new Anglican Province of East Africa, when he presented the new Archbishop, the most Reverend Leonard Beecher, with a Bible. Archbishop Beecher has been made one of the vice-presidents of the British and Foreign Bible Society in recognition of his aid and encouragement to the Society.

Mr. Bedford also attended the All-African Lutheran Conference at Antsirake, on Madagascar.

Mrs. Abram Voth (Continued from page 3-4)

early in life realized her lost condition and accepted the Lord as her Saviour at the age of fourteen. She was then baptized upon the confession of her faith and received as a member of the Hepburn M. B. Church. All through life she cherished this experience highly and continually thanked God for the forgiveness of sins. Her prayers and strong desire was that many others, especially her relatives, would also be saved.

On July 6, 1919, we experienced the joy of uniting our hands and hearts at the marriage altar. Full of hope and courage, we started on our journey, first for a brief nine months in the dense forest of British Columbia and then to a farm about nine miles northeast of Morden, Man. Here we have lived all these years, sharing the joys and sorrows of life together. Yes, and in this house she also departed for her home in heaven.

The Lord blessed our family life with seven children, three of whom preceded her in death. One granddaughter also passed away before she did. The death of our four-year-old son Henry, who died of diphtheria, was especially hard for her. However, the Lord also helped in those days of sorrow.

Mother was blessed with a firm trust in God. She greatly cherished the fellowship of God's children and had a great desire to be present where God's Word was read and prayer was offered.

Last fall we were privileged to go by car to the General Conference in Reedley, Calif. There and on the way we had the joy of visiting many friends and relatives, having fellowship with them in the reading of God's Word, praying and singing together, and reminding ourselves of eternal things. We often sang the song, "Kommt Brüder, steht nicht stille, o lasst uns vorwärts ziehn. Seht nur wie unser Leben so rastlos eilt dahin," not realizing that death was already making inroads in her body.

After we came home at the end of November and noticed that all was not well, we went to seek medical help on December 6. After spending four weeks in hospital, two in Winkler and two in Winnipeg, mother returned home tired and weak, but hoping that the treatments would help. However, pain and suffering continued.

She endured the pain calmly and quietly with a strong faith in Him Who has promised to be with us in the darkest hour. At first she frequently sang the songs, "Keiner wird zu schanden, welcher Gottes harret," and "Der Himmel steht offen, Herz, weisst du warum, weil Jesus gekämpft und geblutet darum." As time went on and her suffering increased, her desire to go home to glory grew steadily.

On March 28, 1961, at 2:30 p.m. she quietly passed away to be with Him in Whom she trusted.

God had given grace that we could stand together shoulder to shoulder and walk hand in hand through joy and sorrow for 41 years and 9 months. In our home she was an example and an inspiration to strive for that which is godly and to forget the dark moments of life. Now she rests, she is at home with Jesus, and is free from all pain and sorrow. We feel the bitter pangs of separation, but rejoice that mother is in heaven. We know that we will see her again when we get to glory.

During the past four months of her suffering we received much comfort from many dear friends and relatives through flowers, letters and visits. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help. We would also like to thank the medical doctors, Mrs. Aron Penner, and Mrs. Isaac Voth (whose hand mother held as she passed away) for their care and service.

Mother lived to the age of 63 years, 4 months and 10 days, leaving her husband, four children: Ella, Milton, Kathryn, and Sara with her husband John Isaak and three grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. H. H. Nikkel in Abbotsford, B.C.

As a family we again express our heart-felt thanks to you all for the love you have shown us during the time of our loving mother's suffering and now after her passing to glory.

The bereaved family

Mrs. Abraham Voth passed away at 2:30 p.m. on March 28 in the family home nine miles northeast of Morden. She had suffered for about four months, spending part of this time in various hospitals seeking medical aid.

The funeral service took place in the Winkler M. B. church at 2:00 p.m. on April 2, with Rev. F. H. Friesen of Morden in charge of the service. Messages were brought by Rev. H. E. Wiens of Mountain Lake, Minn., and Rev. William Baerg and Rev. F. H. Friesen, both of Morden. The Morden M. B. Church choir sang several selections.

Interment took place in the family plot at the Winkler Cemetery, where three of A. H. Voth children are at rest. Pallbearers were Mr. Alvin Dyck, Mr. George Enns, Mr. Benno Giesbrecht, Mr. Jake Hiebert, Mr. George Hogmann and Mr. Albert Peters. Wiebe's Funeral Service was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Voth was born on November 18, 1897, at Blumstein near Morden and was united in marriage on July 16, 1919. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour at the age of fourteen and found joy and peace in service for the Lord until He called her home.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. A. H. Voth, four children, Ella, Sarah (Mrs. John Isaak), Kathryn, and Milton, a son-in-law, John Isaak, three grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. H. H. Nikkel of Abbotsford, B.C.

THE Young Observers

Hello Girls and Boys,

Come with me, girls and boys, and we will listen to some friends of mine who are sitting out in the sun.

"Do you like to go to bed?" asked Jack.

"No," said Bill, "It seems I'm just in the midst of some fun when Mother calls me to go to bed."

"Bob and I like bedtime best of all," remarked Jean quickly.

Jack and Bill just could not understand how anyone could want to go to bed.

"Yes, we do," continued Bob. "That is our story-telling time. It is so cosy to cuddle under the covers while Mother reads to us. You should just hear the interesting stories! Why, she can find any kind of story we want."

"Indeed," said Mary. "You must have lots of books."

"We have many books," answered Mary, "but most of the time Mother reads from the Bible."

"I like adventure stories," said Bob, "and the stories about brave boys. Do you know David killed a giant with a slingshot all by himself, and he was just a young boy? God helped him to do that."

"Does your Mother read to you every night?" inquired Jack.

"Yes, Mother likes that part of the day best, too. We talk about the story and say our prayers. Then we go to sleep."

"Sounds mighty good to me," retorted Jack. "I'm going to ask Mom to put me to bed the way your mother does."

Love, Aunt Helen

Kenneth and the Telescope

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. . ." (Rom. 8:28).

"What are you muttering about?" asked Aunt Maud as she crossed the hall to enter the dining room.

"I don't know what to do," answered Kenneth as he kicked at the hall-stand. On the first day that he and his brother had come to stay with Aunt Maud, his brother had come out in a rash and was in bed. As the doctor did not know the cause, Kenneth was not allowed to go out, lest he pass on some infection to other children.

"Don't take it out on the furniture then, young man. Come in here and we'll see what we can give you to amuse yourself with, although I'm afraid I have no toys."

"Toys are for little children, Aunt Maud," said Kenneth.

"I beg your pardon," said Aunt Maud and stooped down to pull a long, polished box from under the table standing near the window.

"Perhaps you would like to look at the ships passing along the river and going out to sea. I often do that on clear days."

"That would be fun," admitted Kenneth, "if you could see them. The river is miles away. Look, there's a big ship now, but it is so very tiny and so far away. Perhaps if I borrowed your spectacles!"

"I don't think that would help much," laughed Aunt Maud. "Come along, help me lift this box on to the table."

Inside the box was the biggest telescope Kenneth had ever seen.

"What a wonderful spy-glass,

Aunt Maud. Can I really look through it?"

"If you promise to be very careful with it."

After Aunt Maud had shown him how to focus the telescope properly, Kenneth looked out on to the river

and saw all manner of things. He lost count of the number of cargo vessels which passed by. Then there was a big liner, its rails lined with waving passengers, sailing majestically down the river to the sea and exciting adventures. A destroyer sped busily away and, best of all, three submarines nosed their way out for manoeuvres.

Kenneth was sure that no other aunt in the whole world knew so much about ships as Aunt Maud. As she popped in and out of the dining room she told Kenneth all about the ships and, to Kenneth's surprise, she knew the names of the submarines, their captains and what they were doing. She even knew what the little flags that flew on the masts meant.

After lunch the river was very quiet. Aunt Maud said that was because the tide was out. So Kenneth swung the telescope in other directions. He read the numbers on cars struggling to climb the hill. He peered into little windows and saw a man sitting by the fire reading his paper. Even Aunt Maud laughed at that. There was the butcher boy who Kenneth was sure had winked at him, although he was away at the bottom of the hill. And there was the policeman who walked slowly around the streets.

When the policeman was right at the bottom of the hill it was difficult to keep him in focus so Kenneth looked right past him and discovered a large timber yard. It was fun to be able to see over the high wall and imagine he was playing hiding games among the great stacks of timber. Kenneth searched

out imaginary hiding places in the yard until he saw a small fire. There was not very much smoke, but he could see it as plain as day.

"Aunt Maud, come quickly, there's a fire. Quick!" Kenneth shouted and danced up and down with excitement.

Aunt Maud dashed into the room thinking that the dining room was ablaze, but after a little peep she said, "We must telephone the fire brigade and tell them."

Just at that moment she spotted the policeman a few yards from the garden gate. "Run and tell the policeman to come here quickly," she said, and Kenneth dashed away to get the policeman.

Then followed very exciting moments. The policeman telephoned someone called Harry, and in a few minutes Kenneth saw the fire brigade pour water on the fire. The policeman wasn't going to miss any of the fun either, so he watched through Aunt Maud's binoculars.

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"Out of the Mouths of Babes"

A little while before Christmas, a mother and her boy, David, aged four, were awaiting a bus to convey them to town. The weather was very cold, and seeing a workmen's hut nearby, they took shelter inside. Presently, about half a dozen of the workmen came to the hut for their mid-day meal.

One of the men said smilingly to David, "Now, my little boy, can you sing for us?" Looking to his mother, and seeing her sweet smile, he began to sing in front of all the men:

"Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness so we must shine:
You in your small corner, and I in mine."

As the little childlike voice sang these touching words, the Spirit of God was applying them in power to the heart and conscience of the man who had invited him to sing. He thanked David for his courage and gave him a gift for Christmas, which made the heart of the child rejoice.

A very deep impression was made upon the man, for he covered his face in his hands, and could eat none of his dinner. Perhaps the thought of his own childhood came to him, how he sang for the Saviour and shone for Him before others. Now, the light had been hidden away for many years, and instead of being a light-bearer for Jesus, he had been a stumbling block.

Let us use every occasion and every opportunity to shine for the Saviour, and show to others that we have trusted Him for salvation.

R. Thomson



A Child's Hymn

Little flower, so pink and trim,
Do you grow to worship Him?

River grand, so deep and broad,
Do you pay homage to our God?

Graceful bird, so swift above,
Do you feel safe within his love?

Do you live for Christ adored?
Let me too cry, "Praise the Lord!"
Edna S. Phillip

Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(33rd Installment)

Nancy controlled herself with difficulty. "Very well, Dad, if you think that way there's nothing more to be said."

"Unless," added her father with an air of finality, "you can think of someone else who would know enough about the house or would have a sufficiently strong motive."

Nancy did not speak, but she thought of someone who might have done it, someone who had regular access to the house, who might have a very strong motive, Trevor Warne. She felt sick at the thought and because she had no evidence it seemed a sin to entertain the idea. Trevor had told her that he was gambling. Suppose he had got himself into financial difficulties. Of course, she dared not mention a thing about this. It would be unfair to throw even the faintest suspicion upon anyone without any proof, as her father had done with Pastor Brandon. So she kept silence, a silence that was completely misconstrued by her parents.

"So you're not talking?" Her father spoke with an air of triumph. "We'll have to put it into higher hands."

"Yes, we certainly will!" echoed her mother emphatically.

Nancy looked appealingly from one to the other. "Oh, please, don't be too hasty! You never know who might be involved."

From the looks of Charles and Thelma Norwood it seemed as if the warning had fallen on deaf ears.

CHAPTER XIX MAKING MOVES

The small seaside town of Southdown had not seen so much activity for a long time as it had that summer, and everything that happened seemed to be connected either directly or indirectly with Pastor Brandon and the church at Southdown Grove. That little church had achieved a notoriety with the ministry of Maxwell Brandon that it had never known in all the years of its dignified history.

It had really all begun with the controversial open-air meetings which Pastor Brandon had introduced. Until then Southdown had had no experience with this type of church activity, and it is safe to say that nothing could have given the town more publicity, not even an up-to-date addition to the side-shows along the foreshore, which were always the town's chief attraction. Much attention had been aroused by the press and radio campaigns, the opposition of church and civic authorities, and by Lionel Findlay's discovery of Nancy Norwood's voice, the opera company's generous offer and the girl's subsequent

refusal. And if this chain of events did nothing else, it ensured an interested audience for the open-air meetings, for Nancy had become a "personality," and the fact that her singing was a regular feature on these occasions brought many interested listeners.

But these meetings were only a means to an end, for once the open-air witness became firmly established, Pastor Brandon announced his intention of holding what he called a "monster marquee mission," and with the cooperation of his small band of loyal supporters arrangements were soon nearing completion. They were fortunate in securing a good site near the centre of the town, a lot which had recently become vacant. Then they hired a large marquee from the city, erected it and furnished it for the holding of meetings, amidst an avalanche of interest, active opposition and scornful indifference.

"What is this coming to?" fumed Mrs. Norwood in indignation. "Church? Indeed! You'd think it was a circus!"

Charles had another angle on it altogether. "But it's church property that's being used, mark you! Seats from the church hall, hymn books, piano! I'll have something to say about this at the next deacons' meeting, and so will Stan Parker."

"I should think so!" echoed his wife. "If Mr. Brandon wants a mission, I don't see why he can't have it in the church building."

Usually Nancy kept silence when these exchanges went on between her parents, but this time she ventured an explanation. "The idea of the mission is to interest the people who don't go to church, you see."

"Oh, yes, of course. Another of Mr. Brandon's 'stunts,'" declared her mother disdainfully. "In my opinion it's lowering the dignity of the church, and he shouldn't be allowed to go on with it."

Charles Norwood nodded thoughtfully. "I agree with you, Thelma, and I have a little plan."

"What is it, Charles?"

"I think we have enough influence through our group to press for an official church meeting and move a vote of non-confidence against Maxwell Brandon. I think we could get it through."

Mrs. Norwood was all in favour. "There are enough grounds for it, surely, especially when all that money has been taken!"

Charles nodded. "Yes, that has just come at the right time, so far as we're concerned, because although there is no actual evidence against the pastor, I've noticed a strong feeling among people that he must have had something to do with it. It certainly gives us a better

case."

"And what about the meeting?" pursued his wife eagerly. "When do you think we could hold it?"

Charles gave a smug smile. "I'm going to suggest that we have the meeting on the same night as the opening of the mission."

Mrs. Norwood's face lit up. "Why, Charles?"

"It would serve a double purpose," he continued. "We could make it a protest against Pastor Brandon's marquee mission and a test of the loyalty of the church members."

"But they'll all be at the mission for the opening!" protested Thelma Norwood.

"All of Pastor Brandon's supporters will be!" her husband corrected her. "Which means that we will have things pretty well our own way."

His wife was completely in accord with the plan. "This is real inspiration on your part, Charles. Just wait till we tell the group. They're sure to be right in on it."

There was a smile of smug satisfaction on Charles Norwood's face. "As I see it, Thelma, we've got Pastor Brandon this time, whichever way things go. If his supporters come to our meeting, the mission will be a flop and if they don't, we'll drive Pastor Brandon out of this town for good!"

When Maxwell Brandon heard of this latest move against him he was not in the least perturbed. "They can all do their worst, but they can never succeed unless they have God on their side!"

Undaunted, he went on with his preparations for the mission. The opening date was fixed, as was also the date of the church protest meeting—half past seven in the evening of the same Saturday. So it seemed as if Mr. Norwood and the "Progressives" had gained the first point at least.

But Pastor Brandon refused to be shaken in his conviction that he was called of God to the work he was doing, in spite of the opposition and even misgivings of his friends and sometimes of his own family. His arguments were unanswerable. "Even if the people don't come to church, they still need the message the church has to bring, they still need Christ! This mission is a follow-up of our open-air work, and if the interest the people have shown in those meetings is an indication of what to expect, the marquee we have put up won't be big enough!"

The day of the opening of the mission drew near. Not a detail had been overlooked in organization and publicity, although the latter was hardly necessary. The monster marquee mission was the chief topic of conversation all over town. Nobody talked of anything else, except, of course, the disappearance of Mrs. Norwood's money, which still remained a mystery. In the whispered comments the pastor's name was often mentioned, but when everything had been said, they were still

no nearer a solution, for even the detectives' investigations brought no new evidence to light.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood continued to voice their suspicions quite openly, much to Nancy's consternation, and she felt very embarrassed when she met any member of the Brandon family. However, the pastor did not accept any apologies from her.

"Don't worry, Nancy!" he said. "When one has a clear conscience, it doesn't matter what people say or think."

"But it seems so unjust, Mr. Brandon, so un-Christian!" she protested, as she sat discussing the question with Mr. and Mrs. Brandon and Pauline over a late cup of tea at the manse.

"It certainly isn't Christian," agreed Mrs. Brandon quietly. "But it gives us an opportunity to show our Christianity by the way we react to the situation. We must show them that it does not make any difference to us."

"Yes," put in the pastor, "we can certainly use it as an opportunity to witness for the Lord, and we can trust in him to bring some good out of it all."

"I daresay that's right," mused Pauline thoughtfully, "but I would like to know what happened to that money!"

"So would I!" echoed Nancy, heaving a big sigh.

Pauline leaned forward eagerly. "Listen, Nance, you ought to have some clues, if anybody has. Haven't you any idea who it might be?"

Nancy hesitated as she saw them all look at her with a new interest. Pauline's question had turned their thoughts in a new direction.

"Well," she began slowly, "I have a kind of suspicion who it might be, but I have no proof and so I haven't breathed a word to anybody."

Maxwell Brandon held up his hand. "That's quite all right, Nancy, you don't have to say anything to us either, if you'd rather not."

Nancy gave him a grateful smile. "Thank you, Mr. Brandon, but I feel that I'd like to talk it over with you. It has worried me a good deal, to tell you the truth."

"Well, dear, if you want to tell us, you know that we will respect your confidence," Mrs. Brandon reminded her.

"I know that, Mrs. Brandon, and it means a lot to me. You have all been so wonderful!"

Pauline took her friend's hand and gave it an affectionate squeeze. "So have you, Nancy!" Turning to her father, she added, "She's been an inspiration to all of us, hasn't she, Daddy?"

The pastor nodded. "Yes, indeed. You don't know how often I have thanked God for Nancy Norwood."

Overcome by emotion, Nancy replied, "Oh, Mr. Brandon, if you only knew what you have done for me."

(To be continued)

MCC News & Notes



Indonesia. Part of the congregation at Fatuko, Timor, in front of their church

Medical Services Added to Program in Timor

With the recent granting of Indonesian visas for the Dr. Samuel Stover family of Bethlehem, Pa., the long-anticipated MCC medical program on the island of Timor will become a reality. The medical services will be added to the present agricultural work in Timor, making possible a combined agricultural-medical program. The Stovers will leave for Indonesia about April 25.

Medical personnel is urgently needed in Timor and at present there are several hospitals without doctors. It is hoped that Dr. Stover will be able to use hospital facilities that are now standing idle and will later be able to branch out into clinic work. The medical project will be carried out in cooperation with the Timor Church and the Indonesian government.

Timor, a coral island, differs from most Indonesian islands, which are volcanic and quite fertile. The thin layer of top soil and lack of adequate rainfall on Timor make food production a real problem. These factors, together with the lack of markets, illiteracy, and the general fatalistic attitude of many Timorese, account for the very low economic level.

MCC work in Timor began in 1956, at the invitation of the Christian Church of Timor. This church has a membership of nearly 300,000 as a result of Dutch missionary efforts since 1912. It is still a very young and immature church and is continually faced with financial problems and a lack of trained leadership.

Until now the program has been chiefly concerned with agriculture.

The agricultural service project, sponsored jointly by MCC and Church World Service, has centered around the Agricultural Training Center at Oenitu. The project aims to help develop the economic resources of the island so the church

can begin to support itself. Young farmers come to this school from Timor and other nearby islands. In addition to class work, much time

22 Orphans Graduate from Mennonite Vocational School



Mennonite Vocational School for Boys, Kyong San, Korea. Orphans help with the rice cutting. The farm program provides a practical demonstration for the boys studying agriculture. Each boy spends about one and one-half hours a day working at his assignment on the farm. The farm produces all the vegetables and a substantial portion of the rice for the boys' use. (Photo taken by J. M. Klassen)

Taegu, Korea (MCC) — The third graduation ceremony in the history of Mennonite Vocational School was held February 28. The class of 22 graduates received their diplomas from Principal John M. Zook in the usual fashion, but what followed graduation for these boys was most unusual.

is given to practical work. Guidance is given the students in the raising of rice, corn and other vegetable crops.

Another phase of the agricultural program is the construction of a new Agricultural Training Center in the nearby village of Tarus. This is now being built with funds given by several 1-W fellows who donated their earnings, and by some Mennonite churches.

The isolation which workers experience in such places as Timor is illustrated in a report from Glenn Zimmerly: "Plane service to Timor was stopped in the beginning of February after two planes were lost one week apart. We are beginning to feel the effects of this, as our last letters are dated from seven to eight weeks ago."

In the new medical program, as in the present agricultural projects, MCC personnel will work closely with the Christian Church of Timor. While ministering to the physical and economic needs of the island, they endeavor to give spiritual encouragement to this young church.

The day following graduation all remaining boys at MVS lined up for the final farewell for their graduating "brothers." Following a short devotional service by the school pastor, the boys formed a line extending out past the school entrance sign to give each graduate a chance to say farewell to each school boy and faculty member. Then as the last boy climbed on the big MCC truck, loaded with all their earthly belongings, the class broke out in singing, "Mennonites Will Shine," as they slowly drove away.

These orphan boys have been cared for by MCC for the past six years. At MVS we have provided their food, clothing and shelter, besides giving them academic and vocational training. Now they must go out into society where, since they are orphans in a culture where the family is so very important, they are often not readily accepted and even mistreated. They will continue under MCC's care for 10 more months, living in a hostel in Taegu. Here every attempt is made to help them find a job, preferably in their vocational choice.

Joanne Voth

Baluba Refugee Situation Improving; Other Relief Needs in Congo Still Great

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Although there are still many unmet relief needs in the Congo, the emergency food problem of Baluba refugees in South Kasai is basically over. Reports from the Congo indicate that the food needs of the Balubas are being cared for by United Nations, which began work in late December. In June the Congolese of Kasai

will harvest their first crops, and although these crops will not be sufficient to completely meet the needs of the people, the UN hopes to be able to cut back their program at that time.

Medical care and rehabilitation are the areas of greatest relief need at present and it appears that there are still serious food needs in the Congo other than that of the Baluba refugees. Besides the refugee food problem, there are many school children and other groups across the Congo who are seriously undernourished, although not actually starving.

Dr. William Rule, now Executive Secretary of Congo Protestant Relief Agency, says that there is a probability that "pockets" of emergency food need will appear in various places in the Congo. Dr. Rule feels that CPRA should have foods on hand to meet unexpected needs. MCC is planning to send 100,000 pounds of Canadian government surplus whole milk powder.

The CPRA relief program in the immediate future will probably be concentrated in the areas of medical assistance and rehabilitation. Archie Graber and Glenn Rocke, CIM missionaries who delivered many tons of CPRA food to the Balubas before the UN came to the scene, are still in Kasai but are no longer working directly with food distribution. They have been constructing outdoor food kitchens and doors and windows for refugee housing. Paxmen Abe Suderman and Allen Horst, who assisted in the food distributions, have returned to Leopoldville.

Much of the CPRA effort is now directed towards getting drugs and other medical supplies to doctors in the interior of the Congo. United Nations has agreed to transport CPRA medical supplies throughout the Congo to hospitals and dispensaries, which have been drawing on stored supplies ever since independence.

Robert Bontrager, CIM missionary who was directing the CPRA program from Leopoldville, returned to the US on February 16 for furlough. Bontrager said that although political upheavals have forced discontinuation of missionary work in many areas of the Congo, there are still other areas in which the missionaries are able to continue their work. Churches, mission schools, hospitals and dispensaries are functioning in most sections of the Congo. In cases where missionaries are not able to assist, Congolese Christians are taking the responsibility for these concerns.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shelly of Bethlehem, Pa., both of whom are medical doctors, are planning to go to the Congo this summer under MCC. MCC is also planning to send other doctors and additional Paxmen.

NEWS from HERE and THERE

Mother-Son Winnipeg-Moscow Conversation

Mrs. Katherine Isaak of 41 Co-bourg Ave., Winnipeg, experienced the great joy, on April 11, of receiving a telephone call from her son Hans from Moscow. The 20-minute discussion was first carried on in Russian and then in German. Mother and son were separated in 1941. To see each other cannot be realized unless the mother goes to Russia, or it may have to be postponed until they meet in glory.

Request for Prayer

Evangelistic services will be held in the Gospel Light Mission in Winnipegosis from April 23 to 30. Rev. John M. Schmidt from the Gospel Light Hour in Winnipeg will be the speaker. The Gospel Light Hour quartet will also be with us for the closing services, April 29-30.

The Lord has already spoken to a number of young people and decisions have been made. Please pray with us for a God-sent revival and a great ingathering of souls in this predominantly Catholic community.

In His service,
Viola and Alfred Friesen

Missile Strength Increasing

Washington — The United States now has 59 missiles with hydrogen bomb warheads ready to hurl against enemy targets. The combat-ready missile force will soon be increased to 91. The information is not classified.

The present stockpile includes 27 models of the 5,500-mile range Atlas ICBM, which packs the destructive power of 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 tons of TNT, and 32 of the submarine-fired Polaris, which has a 1,200-mile range and warheads with blast power equivalent to about 400,000 tons of TNT. By way of comparison, the atom bomb which wrecked Hiroshima was rated at the equivalent of 20,000 tons of TNT.

How US missile strength stacks up against Russia's is kept secret, but President Kennedy said in his budget message to Congress: "It has been publicly acknowledged for several years that this nation has not led the world in missile strength."

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"Sowing and Reaping"

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This committee is composed of the following brethren: A. P. Regier, Alberta, chairman; B. B. Fast, Manitoba, treasurer; Jacob Penner, British Columbia; Henry Bartsch, North Saskatchewan; Albert Barkman, South Saskatchewan; A. H. Redekopp, Ontario, and I. W. Redekopp, Winnipeg, executive-secretary; G. Konrad, Clearbrook; V.

Pankratz, Coaldale; C. Braun, Hepburn; L. Doerksen, Winkler; W. Kornelson, Kitchener, and H. Baerg, M. B. Bible College.

On April 7, Brother Jacob Penner, the chairman of the B.C. Sunday School Committee, welcomed the delegates and expressed the desire that during this conference "we would see Jesus." Brother A. P. Regier then took the chair. He announced that the theme of the conference was "Sowing and Reaping." "May this convention make a difference and not merely be another matter of routine," he said.

The guest speaker for the conference was Dr. G. W. Peters, Buhler, Kans. He discussed such vital topics as: "Commissioned to Sow and Reap," "The Sunday School Awakening to Spiritual Needs," "Mobilizing our Talents for Service," "The Second-Mile Teacher," and "The Sunday School Geared to this Decade of Destiny." Rev. I. W. Redekopp spoke on "The Spiritual Wisdom of Christian Education," Rev. D. J. Pankratz, Coaldale, discussed the topic, "Die Stärkung des Lehrdienstes im Rahmen der Konferenz," and Rev. H. R. Baerg spoke on "The Laws of Sunday School Growth." In addition to this, many very vital subjects were discussed in the numerous workshops. Among the latter was an interesting panel discussion on, "The Place of the Bible School in the Sunday School Program."

A recurring topic of discussion was the new Herald Press Sunday school material which the conference has introduced into most of its Sunday schools. In spite of some criticisms, the consensus of opinion was that in many ways we have gained by adopting this material. At the same time it is being realized that our whole Sunday school program is facing the great task of revision and adjustment because this material affects so many other phases of Sunday school work, such as the record system and teacher training program. Efforts will be put forth by our College and our Bible schools to meet the needs in these areas.

Appropriate music was supplied by singing groups from the various Sunday schools of the B.C. churches. On Saturday evening, the M. B. Bible Institute of Clearbrook supplied the music and also presented

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a suitable drama entitled, "Inasmuch." The drama portrayed how a neighborhood was led to overcome racial prejudice and win a "foreign" family to Christ and to the church.

Bountiful and tasty meals were provided in the basement of the Clearbrook M. B. church. Here we also saw interesting displays which had been erected by the M. B. Bible Institute, the Christian Press, the Gospel Light Hour, and the West Coast Children's Mission.

In his closing message entitled, "A Sunday School Geared to this Decade of Destiny," Rev. Peters forcefully portrayed the tremendous political, educational and spiritual changes that characterize our age. "A seventeen or eighteen-year-old today has received as many impacts and experienced as many crises in his life as our forefathers experienced in a life time," he stated. He went on to say, "Our only hope is to insulate our children because we cannot isolate them any more." In order to meet this challenge we need an enlarged vision, an enlarged force and facilities, and an enlarged faith.

With this challenge ringing in our ears, the delegates left for home with renewed convictions and zeal which we firmly believe will bear fruit in the lives of many Sunday school pupils. Surely this conference "has made and will make a difference."

C. Braun

ON THE HORIZON

April 29 and 30. — Meeting sponsored by the Inter-Church Mission of the Canadian Protestant churches to be held in Winnipeg. The evangelist is Rev. Tom Rees of London, England.

April 30. — Dedication services for the new house of the Lord of the Hill Ave. Mennonite Brethren Church, 3717 Hill Ave., Regina, Sask.

April 23-30. — Evangelistic ser-

vices at the Hill Avenue Mennonite Brethren church, Regina, Sask., with Rev. Art Martens.

May 6. — MBCI presents spring concert in its auditorium at 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5, at 8 p.m.

May 7. — Manitoba M. B. Youth Workers' Conference, held at Brandon M. B. church, 4th and Hill Streets.

May 28. — Graduation Exercises of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College to be held at the MBCI auditorium on Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

June 2 and 3. — The Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Conference to convene at the North Kildonan M. B. church.

July 5-11. — Canadian Mennonite Church Conference to be held in Calgary.

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The following interview between a newspaper reporter and Billy Graham is said to have taken place

in the early days of the latter's evangelistic activity.

"Mr. Graham, you do not impress me at all. After all, you have never been a soldier in a real war, nor learned to know any foreign country. Moreover, you know very little

of the suffering in this world and certainly nothing of hard physical labor."

To this Graham replied, "Is it necessary for the messenger boy who carries a telegram containing sad news right across the city to have experienced all the depths of suffering in order to be able to transmit the message? I merely bring the message. But if God wills that I should suffer bodily, I am prepared."

Again the newspaperman re-

sponded, "That still does not convince me, and you still don't impress me."

Then Billy Graham continued to describe how for several years he had worked on the farm from early morning to late at night, and this, as a reporter would well know, was hard work. But the newspaperman persisted, "No, Mr. Graham, you really cannot impress me."

"How strange!" Graham commented. "You are not even supposed to be impressed with me. I want you to be impressed with Jesus Christ, Who died on the cross for you. I hope to see you at the stadium tonight. Jesus Christ will certainly impress you. But there is something else I want to tell you. You also do not impress me at all, because you have not, like Jesus Christ, suffered on the cross and died for mankind. Only Christ impresses me. Have you ever sought for forgiveness of your sins under the cross of Christ?"

The reporter was silent.

(Sent in by a reader of the Mennonite Observer.)

Youth for Christ in Jerusalem Planned

Jordan — Jerusalem has been named as the location for the Youth for Christ World Teen Convention to be held in December, 1964. The announcement came from Dr. Ted W. Engstrom of Wheaton, Ill., president of the sponsoring organization. Some 20,000 to 25,000 teenagers and their adult leaders from almost all nations of the world will gather for five days of sessions aimed at inspiring Christian youth to evangelize the teen-agers of their homelands. Part of the impetus for the World Teen Convention will come from the second Capital Teen Convention to be held in December of 1962 in Washington, D.C. The first such conclave was held in America's capital in December of 1959 with 10,000 youth and adults crowding into the National Guard Armory for sessions addressed by Billy Graham and other nationally known leaders.

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M. B. Bible College News Release

Accreditation Approved by AABC

The Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges has notified President J. A. Toews that the Mennonite Brethren Bible College has again been approved by the Association. The first Canadian Bible college to be granted accreditation by the Association, MBBC has been a member of the Association since 1950. Recently a team of examiners visited the College and re-examined the program of instruction and library. Several recommendations were made. The only serious deficiency noted was in the area of student housing. The committee recommended that steps be undertaken to construct a new dormitory.

Dean and Registrar Visit Waterloo Lutheran University

Dean Frank C. Peters and Registrar David Ewert visited Waterloo Lutheran University during the Easter recess. MBBC has maintained a special relationship with Waterloo College since 1950 and students attending, MBBC have been able to transfer credits to Waterloo toward the completion of the B.A. degree. There are presently 8 former MBBC students enrolled at Waterloo.

Waterloo College was formerly an affiliate College of the University of Western Ontario. Recently Waterloo has received a separate charter as Waterloo Lutheran University and will be granting its first degrees at this spring commencement. The Board of Education of MBBC recently voted to investigate possibilities of an affiliation with the University. Negotiations were undertaken and the University Senate and Board of Governors are presently reviewing the case. The Canadian Conference will discuss the matter in July.

Choir Reports Successful Tour

The thirty-six members of the A Cappella Choir agree that the recent tour to British Columbia was a success. Seventeen churches were visited. Travelling by a chartered bus of Thiessen Bus Lines, Winnipeg, the choir visited one church in Saskatchewan, five in Alberta and eleven in B.C. Accompanying the choir was Rev. J. J. Toews, Director of Christian Service at the College. The group reports excellent attendance at the services and a keen interest among young people and parents in the work of the College.

Applications for Next Year Coming In

A good number of applications for the coming school year are being processed. One application has

been received from a prospective student in Switzerland. From all indications the College should again enjoy an enrollment similar to that of the present school year. Keen interest is shown in the music curriculum. The College experienced a decided increase in music students this year and it appears this trend may repeat itself for the coming school term. Housing remains a serious problem, but College officials state that every effort will be made to find adequate accommodation for incoming students.

Summer Session Arrangements

The last arrangements for the 1961 summer session have been made. Enrollment will take place July 10, with the first classes scheduled to meet at 9:00 a.m. that morning. Meals will be served in the dining hall of Ebenezer Hall and the dormitories will be available for summer students. President Toews will teach a course entitled New Testament Principles of Evangelism and Dean Peters will offer instruction in the Writings and Theology of Peter. The courses last for three weeks and may be taken for credit or audit. Application forms and particulars are available at the College.

College Graduate Accepts Call to Main Centre

David Epp, former president of the student body, has accepted a call to the Main Centre Mennonite Brethren Church. He will begin his duties as pastor in June. Mr. Epp has been active in the Fort Rouge Mennonite Brethren Church during his college years. He will graduate with a Th.B. degree in the spring. A former school teacher, Mr. Epp taught for four years at the Kispiox Indian Day School in northern B.C. He attended the East Chilliwack Bible School. Mrs. Epp is the former Margaret Hamm and they have two children.

Steinbach Bible Institute

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Mr. Wiebe spoke on "The Great Commission" and "The Supremacy of the Holy Spirit." The last command or challenge was not only given to the disciples, but also to every believer. The Holy Spirit became Christ's representative on earth and is the sponsor of missions. The supremacy of the Holy Spirit was very evident in the early church—convicted and converted sinners, performed mighty works of grace in the hearts of believers, disciplined the church, called and commissioned workers for the task of propagating the gospel, directed the labourers into various fields,

and presided over conferences and council meetings. In order to be an effective witness, the Christian today must allow the Spirit to rule supreme in his life. The Christian needs this power, guidance, and comfort today as never before.

Even though the command for word evangelization was given almost 2,000 years ago, the task is far from finished. This topic, "The Unfinished Task," was discussed by the other speakers. The Christian church is losing ground at an alarming rate. Statistics show that thirty times more people are born today than become Christians. There are more people living today than have died since Adam. Why has the church failed to evangelize? Is it because of Liberalism, or lack of unity among the various churches, or not having enough missionary conferences? Undoubtedly the basic reason for this failure is the individual's disobedience to the command of God. Too many Christians wait for a special inspiration or a specific call before they give heed to this great challenge, but if a call is needed, then the current situation of the people of the world is definitely a call.

What are some of the current situations and needs in the different countries? In Germany there is a great lack of Bible knowledge, and the people are being seduced by false cults. Underneath the polished demeanor of the Germans there is a longing for the truth. The Canadian North is desperately in need of Christian nurses and Christian school teachers. If the Christian church has the greater power, why do the Roman Catholics and other religions make greater headways? In Africa, the national Christian is the key to the missionary outreach. Some particular needs are: leadership training, missionary teachers, radio programs, literature, Christian day schools, and a spirit of continuous revival. The West Indies field is in need of pioneer workers, radio personnel, and a literacy program. In Ecuador, the middle class people are open to the gospel and there, as in almost every other mission field, the call is for more men. The missionary emphasis is to win the head of a family or the leader in a village, for it is very hard for a young person to stand against open persecution. The solution to man's need is the gospel and there is a job for every Christian in God's world-wide program.

Graduation

The 23rd commencement exercises of the Institute were held in the Steinbach Evangelical Mennonite church on Sunday, April 9. Forty-six students graduated. Of these, twenty-six were from the Bible Department and twenty from the High School Department. Because of the lack of auditorium space for all the guests, two sessions were held, one at 2:00 p.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. The speaker for the afternoon program

was the moderator of the Saskatchewan Mennonite Mission Church, Rev. John D. Friesen, Saskatoon. The Christian is an ambassador for Christ and a great responsibility rests on the Bible school student to bear witness of what has been entrusted to him. Christians are not at home in this world, but they have a message to present to the world. How can they be true ambassadors? First, by living consistent, sanctified, Christian lives; second, by being willing disciples, and third, by a life of service.

The speaker at the evening session was Rev. Allen Wiebe, who was also the main speaker at the missionary conference. According to Micah 6:8, there are three things the Lord requires of the believer: to do justly, not dabbling on the margin, but practising forthright honesty and respectability which will result in pure actions; to love mercy, not living for self but going the second mile and seeking to alleviate the suffering of mankind; to walk humbly before God and man, for humility is the first and foremost precept of the Christian.

The valedictorians were Frank Kroeker and Walter Hiebert and the undergraduate speakers, Bill Derksen and Art Neufeld. Testimonies were given by Lucille Wiens and Margaret Unger. Songs rendered by the choir were "I Know the Lord," "The Challenge," "Tell the Millions," and "Hallelujah!" The quartet sang "There's a Place in the Harvest for You" and the trio, "I Will be True."

May each graduate consider graduation only as a stepping-stone towards a higher goal and not as an end in itself. J. Loewen

Kenneth and the Telescope

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After a while, when it was certain that the fire was under control, Kenneth saw the constable write Kenneth's name down in his book and then he walked down the garden path and down the hill.

At breakfast the following morning, Aunt Maud held out the newspaper. "Here Kenneth, you will be interested in this, I know. And as the doctor tells me that you are not infectious, I can tell you that the owner of the timber yard would like to see you."

"All right, Aunt Maud, thank you very much. This toast is good."

"Never mind about the toast, put it down a minute and read this paper."

Kenneth took the paper and read:
TIMBER YARD BLAZE
Boy with telescope spots fire. Saves thousands of dollars' worth of timber.

After Kenneth had read the story over carefully he said, "I'm rather glad Bob got those pimples after all."

By Captain Gordon Cox
Salvation Army's publication,
"The Young Soldier"

Program of the Manitoba M. B. Conference

to be held in the North Kildonan M. B. church on June 2 and 3.

Opening at 8:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Daylight Saving Time)

1. Invocation and prayer by local pastor.
2. Election of assistant secretaries
3. Appointment of Ballot Committee, Resolution Committee and Fact Finding Committee
4. Reading of Parliamentary Rules
5. Presentation of Conference Program
6. Recommendation of Local Church as to Time for the Sessions
7. Local churches are to place their orders for Manitoba M. B. Conference Year Books and also for those of the Canadian M.B. Conference. The list of those serving in the local churches is to be submitted.
8. Questions and Recommendations to be submitted by the churches.
9. Constitution Committee: Report, Recommendations, Election if necessary.
10. Coordination Committee: Report
11. Board of Directors: Report and Election
12. Report by the Treasurer of the Conference
13. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference: Report, Recommendations and Election
14. Winkler Bible School: Report of the Committee, the Principal and the Treasurer; Recommendations and Elections
15. Relief Committee of Manitoba: Report and Recommendations, Election not necessary
16. Committee of Welfare and Public Relations: Report, Recommendations and Election
17. Disaster Service Committee: Report, Recommendations and Election
18. Friday Evening Business Session: Home Missions, a) Report of the Committee, b) Report on the Radio Work (10 min.), c) Reports on other Mission Fields (5 min. for each Report, all of which are to be written out and handed in), d) Re-

port of the Treasurer, e) Recommendations, f) Election

19. Sunday School: Report of the Committee, Recommendations and Election of Chairman of the Committee
20. Youth Work: Report of the Committee, Recommendations and Election of the Chairman of the Committee
21. Song and Music Committee: Report of the Committee, Recommendations and Election of the Chairman of the Committee
22. Board of Reference and Counsel: Report of the Committee, Recommendations and Election
23. Budget (to be presented after all recommendations regarding financial matters have been handed in)
24. Election of Treasurer
25. Election of Revision Committee
26. Election of Budget Committee
27. Election of Candidates for the Canadian M. B. Conference
28. Election of Officers of the Conference
29. Invitation for the next Conference
30. Report of the Fact Finding Committee
31. Conclusion

D. K. Duerksen, secretary

Winnipegosis Evangelistic Services

The fellowship group at Winnipegosis is prayerfully preparing for evangelistic meetings to be conducted by Rev. John M. Schmidt of the Gospel Light Hour from April 23 to 30 inclusive.

The Gospel Light Hour quartet will join Rev. Schmidt for the closing rally on April 29 and 30.

In Matt. 7:7, the Omnipotent One says, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Let us ask God to prepare His servants and to shower blessings upon these services in order that seeking souls might open their hearts and lives to Christ, and that His children might grow in the grace and knowledge of Him Who supplies sufficiently.

The Gospel Light Hour

Rev. J. J. Neufeld Low German Speaker

Our Lord and Master has spoken the challenging words: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white unto harvest." A field of golden grain must be harvested in order that the laborer gains his reward, so also must the longing souls hear the Word of the Lord in order that we, His laborers, fulfill our task and gain an eternal reward.

The Lord has mightily used our Brother J. J. Neufeld and his Low German Gospel Light Broadcasts. The response is encouraging. Doors are rapidly opening to the gospel.

The Lord willing, Brother J. J. Neufeld will follow an invitation to Hague, Sask., where he will conduct evangelistic services from April 30 to May 7 inclusive among the Low German-speaking people. The success of these meetings are greatly dependent upon our prayer support. Let us call to remembrance Tennyson's words: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," and beseech God for His blessings upon this campaign.

The Gospel Light Hour

Invitation to Dedication Service in Regina

The congregation of the Hill Avenue M. B. Church, Regina, Sask., wishes to extend a warm welcome to the Dedication Services on April 30, 1961. The services will be at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (CST). Noon meal will be served in the lower auditorium. Dr. Frank C. Peters will be the guest speaker. Pray with us for the Lord's special blessing and revealed grace.

G. B. Dyck

Announcement for Youth Workers

The Annual Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Youth Workers' Conference is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, afternoon and evening, beginning at 3:00 p.m. (Standard Time) in the Brandon M. B. church, 4th and Hill Streets. The Lord willing, Rev. J. H. Quiring will serve with two messages on the theme, "Guiding Principles in Youth Work," 1) At the Local Level, 2) In United Efforts.

Wm. Schroeder, chairman
Manitoba Youth Committee

Urgent Help Needed

In a Canadian Headquarters News letter, Harvey Taves, Canadian MCC Director, advises that MCC urgently needs funds for two purposes. A group of Old Colony Mennonites in the Rainy River District south of Kenora, Ontario, will need financial assistance in order to enable them to begin farming this spring. Representatives from Manitoba went to visit these people in February and recommended some

financial assistance. Since there is no fund on hand for this purpose, money will need to be raised if these people are to be assisted to a new start.

The letter also mentions the need for funds for shipping of Canadian Surplus foods given to MCC by the Canadian Department of Agriculture. Some \$9,000 will be needed to complete this program, which included about 3 carloads more pork than had been originally planned for. This additional quantity was shipped in answer to urgent requests from the field in Korea and to help meet near starvation conditions in Crete.

Mennonite Central Committee
10 Union St. E, Waterloo, Ont.

DVBS Announcement

A special meeting for all DVBS superintendents, workers, and church representatives will be held on April 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the South End M. B. church, corner of Juno and William. At that time we plan to choose our material and discuss the financing and distribution of the DVBS material. This year we plan to purchase the material and distribute it from a central point.

Attend the discussion and help us arrive at an effective and efficient method of operation. For further information contact:

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