

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2

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Rev. and Mrs. John N. Klassen, M. B. missionaries at Neustadt, West Germany. The photo also shows some of the young people at Neustadt.

## Youth Work in Neustadt, West Germany

The following is a report sent in by Brother John N. Klassen, Neustadt Weinstrasse, Bruchweierhofstrasse 0, Germany, but written by a young man of Neustadt.

### Why Youth Work?

A church which is conscious of the presence of the Lord finds a great field of activity. Here at Neu-

stadt we felt that stress should be laid on the work among young people. Every week Sunday school and child evangelism work is being done, yet it was clear to us that youth from 14 years of age and up had to be served as well. The desire of the young people to meet once  
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## Special Rating of M.B. Bible College Students

The Mennonite Brethren Bible College was well represented in the Annual Winnipeg Music Festival, both in the vocal and piano classes. Several students received special ratings. Miss Margaret Pauls and Bill Baerg of Coaldale and Nick Kaethler of Kitchener were among the ten finalists for the Rose Bowl, the highest vocal award. Miss Agnes Doerksen of Chilliwack was a contestant in the finals for the Tudor Bowl, the highest award for class B singers. George Wiens of Gem was the winner of the Gordon Highell Memorial Trophy.

### Next Year's Enrollment

Seventy students now enrolled at MBBC have indicated that they will be returning to the campus for additional studies. This is an increase over last year's returning students. Applications are presently coming in from the constituency and every

effort is made to find ample housing facilities for those planning to enroll.

## Dear Prayer Partners,

Spring is the time of miracles! Trees that have long stood bare are once again clad with a mantle of green. Tulips and daffodils and myriads of other flowers blend their hues to praise their Maker. Oh, the wonder and beauty of it all!

"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations" (Isa. 61:11).

Yes there are miracles, not only in nature, but in human hearts, too. We witnessed a miracle the other day when a young man came to the door, and our astonished hearts rejoiced as he told us that he had accepted Christ. We had never seen

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## National Churches Abroad

In the rolling hill country of southern Kwango in the Congo, the aluminum-roofed government center of Panzi stands amidst the stately trees of the surrounding dark green forests. The village, perched on the rim of a hidden bowl-like valley, overlooks broad expanses of the scenic grass and woodlands of the Wamba River watershed. This is wild game country. The countryside readily offers refuge for flitty prairie chickens, wild dogs, graceful deer and antelope, vicious buffaloes, beautifully-spotted leopards, tawny lions and the rapidly disappearing elephants.

It is here, among the evidences of God's artistic workmanship, that the Panzi country church is situated. With this primitive environment one can readily understand why the thought patterns of our Christian brethren are so different from ours. They live closer to nature and are so far removed from the complexities of modern civilization.

As the golden rays of the tropical sun begin to lighten the eastern sky, the mother rises quickly, grabs an enameled dish-pan, fills it with water and then proceeds to wash herself. The children in turn are aroused and washed. Finally, by six o'clock, the family has been fed with last evening's left-overs. Without a break in her rapid pace, the

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## Christian Training for India's Youth



Indian young people on the campus of Mennonite Brethren Church Central High School, which seeks to lead them on the pathway of Christian service.

The Central Mennonite Brethren Church High School at Mahbubnagar, India, was selected by the government this year as the examination center of all high school graduates of the Mahbubnagar district. More than 300 seniors were in Mahbubnagar in March to take the government-required tests.

The Central High School has also received the distinction of a fine rating by the regional deputy director of education. May this institution continue to honor Christ by making Him known to each student who receives his education there.

Total enrollment of the Mahbubnagar school, which is a boarding school, is 559. Total enrollment of the Hughestown Church day school

is 703 this year. These two as well as the other Mennonite Brethren Church schools of India are in need of much prayer.

Following is the introduction of a detailed statistical report by the school administration and staff to the Governing Council of the India Mennonite Brethren Church. Much of this information is also part of the annual report to the India department of education.

Greetings with the words of Jesus as found in Matthew 28:20a: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." These words spoken by the Lord are a sure guarantee that the teaching ministry must occupy an

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## EDITORIAL

### How Do I Earn My Money?

Guest Editorial by Mr. L. Stobbe, Chicago

The issue of Christian stewardship has become increasingly important in recent years. In "My Money and God," a recent Broadman Press publication, the author, Robert J. Hastings, has added significantly to literature on the subject by treating six steps in the development of Christian stewardship. The steps discussed are: How do I earn my money? What is my attitude toward money once I earn it? Why do I give my money? How do I give my money? How do I spend the portion I keep for myself? How do I leave my money when I die?

Of particular significance to readers is the chapter on "How Do I Earn My Money?" This seldom-discussed subject is summed up in two key sentences. Author Hastings insists that: "The stewardship of material wealth begins, not with the check deposited in the offering Sunday morning, but how the pay check was earned by the giver the previous week." Again he asserts: "Money-making must have a conscience if money-giving is to be pleasing to God." A pertinent illustration is that of the Christian businessman who, when offered a deal to make a great sum of quick money, declined it, giving Christian principles as his reason. His friend replied, "Surely you don't try to mix two good things like business and religion." The Christian businessman countered, "I have discovered that it is only when we do mix business and religion that we can *prove* our religion and *improve* our business!"

Recognizing that the Bible insists on the value, dignity and obligation of work, Author Hastings declares that "all honest work has the halo of heaven around it." It is the obligation of every able-bodied man to "earn money sufficient for his own needs and those of his dependents." Thus "work during the week is as much the will of God as worship on Sunday." Not that work excludes faith, for "right living and faith in God are just as essential in making money as sinew and muscle."

Having established the necessity of a pay check, the author points out that money-making should not, however, become the first objective in life. He who considers money-making his first objective is exposed to two temptations. One is that any method of earning money is justified. The other temptation is "the disappointment of feeling of emptiness that life gives to the man whose god is the making of money." Judas is given as an example of a man who succumbed to both temptations. Once he had been given the blood-stained 30 pieces of silver he found that they had lost all value for him. He discovered that "an undue emphasis on riches brings an end to life."

In the concluding section of the chapter the author touches on some of the unethical practices engaged in by both employers and employees when life's main ambition is the making of money. Even though a person may choose a legal and honourable profession he still needs to ask himself, "Am I serving in this vocation honestly?"

The readers will understand the scope of this final discussion by considering the following probing questions asked by the author: "Is it the first aim of an employer to *exploit* his employees? What about employers who hire workers at the cheapest possible price with no regard whatsoever for human need; who tolerate unsafe, unsanitary, and undesirable working conditions? Are people impersonal *things* to be pushed around for the convenience and at the whim of those in positions of authority? What about merchants who take the attitude of 'Let the buyer beware'? Is the good steward proud to have a reputation as a shrewd operator, an individual who knows how to drive a hard bargain? Is it not against divine law to misrepresent the value of an automobile or a piece of real estate just so one can have steak on his table instead of hamburger? Would it not be better to lower one's standard of living, if necessary, in order to raise the standard of living of one's brother in Christ? What about the shiftless employee who is a constant clock-watcher, who is consistently late for work and takes advantage of lunch periods and other breaks, or is critical of his employer and seeks to undermine his business by creating discontent and commotion among his fellow employees?"

God will honour those who recognize that stewardship begins with how the dollar gets into a man's pocketbook, and not with the dollars that go into the collection plate on Sunday.

## 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 Killdonan, Man.)

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In establishing the diagnosis, the Lord considers the confession of the Christians: "Thou sayest." When John the Baptist began to preach he was asked, "What doest thou say of thyself?" His testimony about himself was to be trusted. However, it was possible that a mere professing person at Ephesus erred in his judgment about himself and made his testimony of no-value. The angel of Laodicea said, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." Thus spoke the pastor of the whole congregation. If there had been exceptions among the members the Lord would have acknowledged them as He did in His letters to other churches. There is no indication in this letter that there were faithful ones at Laodicea. It is startling that a man who was in the power of the Lord as the star of the church was presumptuous.

Studying the Word of God more intensely, we may be led to think that self-delusion might have been based on a wrongly applied promise. Self-complacency can be clearly observed on the part of many Jewish leaders at the time of Jesus. They applied the following words directly to themselves. Thus spoke the psalmist to the true Israel: "So we Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks for ever." Jesus corrected this self-deception of the Jews, saying, "You are not my sheep, because you do not believe." Thus we find that New Testament passages can be thoughtlessly applied to oneself without believing the Word. Paul tells the Corinthians that they have been made rich in everything, that they have no want in anything. Jesus Christ said, "Whoever comes to me, will not be hungry." Whoever takes verses of the New Testament out of context adopts the profession of the church at Laodicea. It is deplorable how people in our time take Scripture out of context, apply them wrongly and develop a false security, leading a disloyal, carnal Christian life.

A Laodicean confession substitutes felicity for godliness. Such people enjoy the comforts of life undisturbed, meaning to rest in God, but it is not the peace of God. Routine church life may bring about such an attitude. The members carry out the program of the church as is customary and it is difficult to discern what is done from mere habit or from a real desire for spiritual fellowship with God.

A true confession is the language of a continuing living faith. Those who possess it are happy in having found the fulness of the grace in Christ. They had experiences in the life of faith, but gradually arrived at a point where they looked away from Christ and turned to their own reasoning and experiences. They completely forgot that the striving of the believer should be directed toward being changed into the image of Christ and toward walking by His example. In addition they have become satisfied with their past experience and use the language of first love thoughtlessly. They take the attitude of the person described in Songs of Solomon, who, when a friend knocked at his door said, "I have put off my coat, how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet, how shall I defile them." Self-complacency and love of comfort prevent searching for the fellowship with God. The self-satisfied profession of lukewarm Christianity reveals its thoughtlessness, therefore the warning, "... and knowest not." There is no evidence that the church at Laodicea had discovered its own poverty. It would have been wholesome to look into the mirror of God's Word, which would have reflected their nakedness.

A lukewarm Christian dislikes a reflection of his own state; the light which detects defilement is much too bright for him. Besides, no human language can convince him of the necessity of giving up his false position. He resembles the Jews of Jesus' time who were ser-

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Experiencing God's Blessings

Lucky Lake, Sask. — The Lord blessed and honored His Word as given forth by Rev. H. H. Epp in a week of services conducted at Lucky Lake. A number of souls accepted Christ as Saviour and others were restored to fellowship with the Lord.

Special numbers in song were rendered both by the local group and by the young people of Beechy. Every night Rev. Epp had a special item for the boys and girls as well.

The messages were directed to Christians and unsaved alike. It was wonderful to behold the workings of the Holy Spirit, and we give glory to God: great things He hath done.

A. Penner

## Main Centre News

The local choir rendered an Easter program of old favorites and parts of the Easter cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Saviour." Mr. Henry Voth from Herbert was guest conductor and soloist.

Miss Elizabeth Redekop, long a resident here, has left for Clearbrook, B.C., where she has taken up residence in the newly-built Tabor Home.

The last week has been very busy with closing conferences of the various Bible schools. The students have returned, some are helping at home and others are seeking work in the cities.

## Evangelist and Missionaries Serving

Horndean, Man. — Evangelistic services were held in the Gospel Light Mission at Horndean April 17-23, with Rev. H. Lenzmann of Winkler as the guest speaker. Singing and music were provided by local talent, and special features were brought for the children each night. The services were preceded by prayer each evening, when those concerned gathered in the Mission basement for prayer. The messages were directed to the backsliders, the unsaved and Christians. Rev. Lenzmann also delivered the Sunday morning worship sermon.

Miss Justina Stoesz, a missionary candidate to Kijabe, Kenya, Africa,

vants of sin but would never admit it.

By His letter, Jesus tries to destroy the thoughtlessness and self-delusion of the Laodicean Church, clearly and unmistakably establishing the diagnosis: "Thou knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

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under the Africa Inland Mission, and two missionary ladies, Miss Anna Boyes and Miss Alice Smith, both teachers in Kenya under the

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house-wife winds her way down a narrow, winding path to replenish the water supply. Barely pausing to exchange greetings with other women, likewise engaged in household duties, she may take time to step off the trail to scrutinize the family garden, then hurry on her way to the spring.

The responsibility of survival rests largely on these women who have many chores to complete in each daily cycle. Many unlearned and illiterate cling in simple faith to the source of life and strength—the Son of God Who came to give them abundant and eternal life.

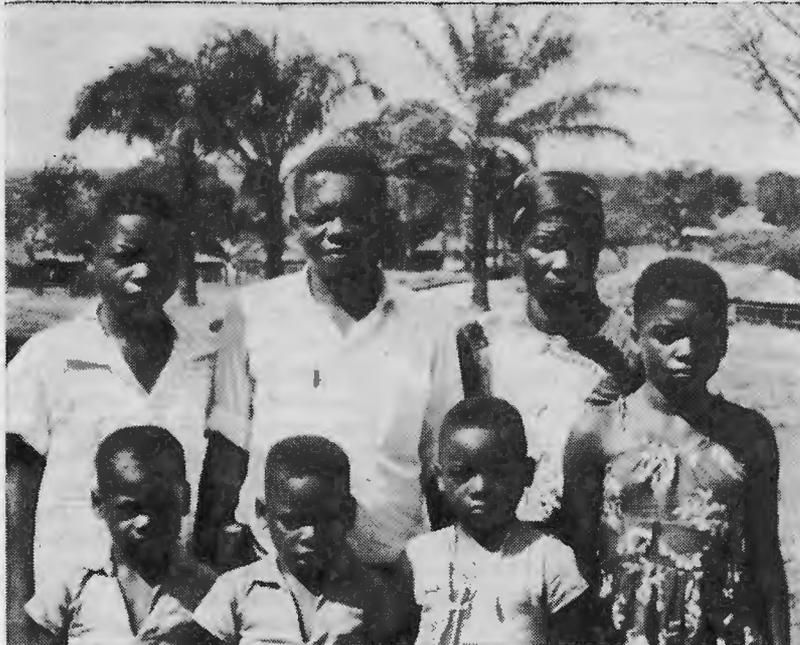
It is in this surrounding the corpulent, middle-aged Pastor Simon Lusoki ministers the Word. Father of eight children, he is one of the

Africa Inland Mission, were in the local Mission on Sunday night, April 30, to tell of their work. Miss Stoesz will be leaving for Africa soon and the other two ladies will return to Africa in fall. They showed slides of the work, medical and teacher training at Kijabe and Lat-ain.

Cleo Heinrichs

most arduous Mennonite Brethren preachers in the area. One of his many responsibilities is to teach those who have left their superstitious belief in witchcraft. His charges once believed that murderers, thieves, and adulterers would be punished in the life hereafter by dwelling in a "bad place." Just about everyone else would be accepted into paradise because "God made us, and He is a God of much grace. It would be against His nature to refuse entrance into the 'good place,' to the greater part of mankind."

One problem he is trying to overcome is that of "infant-girl" marriages. Many of the young ladies have been married between the ages of 14 and 18, but some have actually been married at the tender age of 10.



Pastor Simon Lusoki and his family



Panzi Country church

The Panzi Regional Church, one of 13 in the area, has two regular Sunday school classes. The adults are meeting at one end of the church while the young people meet at the opposite entrance. Every Wednesday and Friday evening, just at dusk, the believers meet together for prayer. Twice weekly the pastor instructs new believers for an hour. Finally, time for a short meditation is set aside each morning, except Saturday. Song services are conducted by capable and willing school teachers. Personal work is carried on and whenever possible gospel tracts are distributed.

I asked the pastor about some of the pitfalls into which some members of his congregation fall. He enumerated illegal marriages, bad habits of smoking and drinking, and the sending of children from Christian homes to schools of other faiths. "This," he said, "will eventually threaten the extension of Protestantism."

In conclusion Pastor Simon said, "Our 84 members contribute to the church budget but they don't give very much." One of the reasons for this is the Congo's unstable condition. Many of the men are unemployed although some are semi-skilled masons, carpenters, cooks and chauffeurs. The pastor continued by saying, "The thing that helps my people is their faithful church attendance. When they hear the Word and absorb it, they will not want to sin, but rather they will want to live a victorious Christian life."

Pastor Simon offered the following prayer requests:

- 1) That many might realize the necessity of faith in Christ for salvation and be saved.
- 2) That Christian workers would prove more faithful and zealous in their assigned work.
- 3) That those preaching could witness with power from above.
- 4) That more short-term Bible instruction could be given to church leaders.

We are well aware of the fact that all of humanity rejecting Christ will be eternally doomed inasmuch as "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." God's promises are always reliable. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son" (Rev. 21:7). This world is making a strong bid to gain membership through many attractive, sinful avenues. Our brothers and sisters in this remote area want to claim the glorious promises which God has given to His children. They long to rise above the power of present temptations and in simple faith claim that which is prepared for those who love Him.

It will please the Lord to hear many intercessory prayers as we present simple petitions for these Panzi Christians and for the many indifferent people who live in close proximity to the church.

Arnold Prieb

## Youth Work in Neustadt

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every week became a reality in January of 1961. A committee was elected after the goal had been set and the basic principles of the group had been established.

Our desire is to work cooperatively with other youth organizations of our city which pursue the same goal and have the same interests. Thus we participated in the frame-work of an "Evangelical Alliance" in a firm week during which the Moody Bible Institute scientific films were presented, by means of which biblical truths were brought to the attention of those who saw the films.

Rev. H. H. Janzen, Basel, Switzerland, was with us in January. He served with messages from God's Word. Brother Hans Ufer was also with us. He spoke on "Communism and the Gospel." We are grateful to all those who have served us and who have related to us some of their rich experiences. Our group here at Neustadt invited outsiders to attend the meetings and thus we were able to serve God. It is our desire to live in such a way that others might be attracted to Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour and Lord (II Tim. 2:22; John 1:14,42a).

Gerhard Luther

## The Bible Today

News has been received from the Congo that the Bible Society work is proceeding well even in the midst of the confused state of affairs which exists at the present time.

Since November, 1960, import licences have been readily granted for 300 cases of books and finger phonos. The Finger Phonos are small record players operated by turning the turntable with the finger and thus playing a recorded passage of Scripture.

The Rev. A. W. Marthinson, the Bible Society Secretary in the area, reports that not only have large quantities of Bibles and New Tes-

taments been received from London and New York, but that he has been able to despatch shipments to many parts of the Congo. New supplies cannot be sent into the Oriental and Kivu provinces but the book stores there have a good stock of God's Word on hand.

Thirty thousand Tshibuba Gospels of St. John have been printed at the Leco Press. These will be used for distribution among the refugees in the Bakwanga area. A shipment of between 500 and 600 Tshiluba Bibles has been dispatched to the same area. A Volkswagen bus will soon be in service selling Scriptures in this part of the country.

## Letter to the Mennonite Observer:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord. We are grateful to the Lord for having directed our way to Mexico and to the city of Durango, where we arrived a few weeks ago. We are looking forward to a fruitful ministry as we make our contacts in this large city. We shall greatly appreciate receiving the Mennonite Observer at our present address. This paper serves us as a vital link in our connections with the activities of the Mennonite Brethren Conference in Canada.

May the Lord richly bless your every endeavour in His cause.

Appreciatively yours in Mexico,  
D. W. Petker

Durango Dgo., Apdo. 135, Mex.

## New Puerto Rico FM Radio Station;

### 96 Programs for Million Population

Donald D. Luttrell, field director of missionary radio station WIVV, Vieques, Puerto Rico, reports that last March 1 a new station, WFID-FM, operating in the San Juan area, went on the air. Already 96 programs are being aired each week. Known as "Evangelical Production," the new station—the 30th affiliated with the World Confer-

ence on Missionary Radio—has a potential listening audience in Greater San Juan of one million people.

In his announcement that the new station was on the air, Luttrell said, "Many times I have heard the saying, 'a thrill of a lifetime.' Very seldom have I heard of a 'second thrill of a life-time.' I remember the great thrill (over four years ago) when I had the privilege of sitting at the console of WIVV and saying for the first time, 'This is Missionary Radio Station WIVV.' Today I had the privilege of having the second thrill of a lifetime. At 6 o'clock this morning, March 1, I had the privilege of going on the air with Evangelical Productions in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where we currently have 96 programs per week scheduled—a new radio ministry that we believe is going to reach hundreds of thousands of souls with the Gospel of Christ. The greatest cause to rejoice was the realization that God had used us in a special way to start these great ministries."

This new radio ministry represents a great step of faith. Expenses are very high and the visible income for this ministry is still at a minimum. A special, urgent need is for personnel—announcers and stenographers. Several candidates are unable to begin work because they are lacking complete support.

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## Fined for Drinking

There was a long list of charges laid for violating the liquor control act at the magistrate's court at Morden on Friday, April 7.

Fined \$20 and costs for illegal possession of liquor because they were under 21 years of age were: Walter Zacharias of Winkler, Ronald Hamm and Wesley Braun of Altona, Gordon J. Wiebe and William A. Giesbrecht of Altona.

Clifford R. Brown of Plum Coulee was fined \$20.00 and costs for illegal possession of liquor.

John K. Giesbrecht of Morden was fined \$80 and costs on 3 charges. He paid \$10 for consuming liquor while under 21 years old, \$20 for using a false name to procure beer from the Arlington Hotel, and \$50 for supplying liquor to minors.

Diedrich Fehr of Morden was fined \$50 and costs for impaired driving and \$10 and costs for failing to register his motor vehicle.

## Publication Committee Meets

The three brethren, C. A. DeFehr, chairman of the Christian Press directorate; Rev. D. K. Duerksen, secretary and member of the executive committee of the Canadian M. B. Conference, and H. F. Klassen, manager and editor of the "Rundschau" went to Hillsboro on May 1 in order to participate in a session of the Publication Committee of the M. B. General Conference.

## To Serve in Europe

Rev. Cornelius J. Martens of 83 Martin Ave., Winnipeg 5, left for Europe Wednesday, May 3. The purpose of the journey is to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The many invitations which Rev. Martens received from German and Russian churches make it necessary to tour a number of European countries which will last about six months.

## Conscientious Objectors

Danish conscientious objectors have offered to work in international aid schemes instead of the civil labour camps which are the present alternative to military service, according to an item in the "Peace News."

## An 8-Year-Old Boy Passes

Bruce Funk, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Funk, Lucky Lake, Sask., passed away on April 21.

Funeral services were held at the Mennonite Brethren church at Lucky Lake on Monday, April 24, with Pastor Alvin Penner officiating. Assisting at the service were Rev. Frank S. Froese, former pastor at Lucky Lake, now of Warman, and Rev. H. H. Épp, who was conducting evangelistic meetings in Lucky Lake at the time.

Left to mourn his passing are his parents, an older sister and a younger brother, as well as numerous relatives and friends.

## Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiebe of Main Centre, Sask., a boy, Malcolm John Stuart, on April 14, 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Schroeder of Main Centre, Sask., welcomed a baby girl into their family on April 14. Little Phyllis Eileen weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz.

## 92 Missionaries in Ecuador



The missionary members of The World Radio Missionary Fellowship gathered together at Quito, Ecuador, for the Annual Business Meeting. The WRMF, Inc. now has a total of 120 missionaries 92 of whom are on this picture. Many of them are specialists in various realms of radio broadcasting, devoting their lives to the ministry of Radio Station HCJB, which broadcasts 24 hours a day with a combined power of 120,000 watts. Eight languages are being used currently. The WRMF also sponsors two hospitals in Ecuador—one in Quito and the other at Shel Mera, the gateway of the Ecuadorean jungle. Thus 24 of its missionaries are assigned to this medical ministry. The WRMF co-sponsors Radio Station HOXO at Panama. Other activities include the Bible Institute of the Air, the Radio Circle, and soon to become a reality is a new missionary radio station in Montevideo, Uruguay.



## The Cause of Foreign Missions

### Japan

The Japan Bible School began a new semester the second week in April with 10 new students.

The response to the new daily five-minute Gospel broadcast initiated by our conference in Japan on April 1 has been most encouraging. Our people in Japan felt this would be more effective than one 15-minute program a week. To invite people to listen to the new broadcast, 50,000 handbills were printed and distributed. During the first week of broadcasting, 108 responses were received. One man traveled more than two hours to attend one of our churches. A copy of the New Testament is being mailed to all who write in during the first month. Thereafter, they will receive a Bible correspondence course upon request. Let us thank the Lord for the opportunity to broadcast the gospel daily to the unevangelized Japanese masses of Osaka and pray in a special way for our brother Phillip Tsuchiya, who has the great responsibility of proclaiming the Word of life each day.

The first baptism was to be held April 30 in Kuwana, Japan, where a work was begun following the devastating typhoon of 1959. New workers are serving in Kuwana with the transfer of Brother Nakamura san and Sister Kudo san to the radio office. Brother Kura, a third-year Bible school student, will serve there on weekends and Sister Ashikawa will be assisting Sister Rubena Gunther.

### India

Dr. and Mrs. Peter Block have been re-assigned to India by the Board of Missions. The Blocks were originally assigned to Mexico, but because of legal restrictions it will not be possible to place them in that country. Their departure is planned for late this summer.

### Latin America

Herman Bullers have begun an evangelistic ministry in the Valle of Colombia and share the following impressions: "A great and effectual door is opened unto us. How we are challenged as we study the map and observe the many towns and settlements yet to be reached. The working force of the church seems so small in comparison with the vastness of the unevangelized areas. But our eyes are upon Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. We praise God for the faithful young people who are preparing in the Bible Institute in Cali to reap the whitened harvest. How we need the holy unction of God upon us to preach His Word effectively. Pray for us."

Martha Kroeker was to leave Hillsboro on April 6 for Colombia via Costa Rica where she will spend approximately six months in Spanish language study. In Colombia she will take up an assignment in an inter-mission teacher training school at Ibague, which, it is hoped, will be attended by our Colombian young people in preparation for Christian service. This will be the second term of missionary service for Sister Kroeker in Colombia. She is a member of the Silver Lake Church, Marion, S.D. Let us also remember Sister Kroeker as we pray for our missionaries who are returning to the fields at this time.



Miss Martha Kroeker

Martha Kroeker left Hillsboro on April 26 for Colombia via Costa Rica, where she will spend approximately six months in Spanish language study. In Colombia she will take up an assignment in an inter-mission teacher-training school at Ibague, which, it is hoped, will be attended by our Colombian young people in preparation for Christian service. This will be the second term of missionary service for Sister Kroeker in Colombia. She is a member of the Silver Lake Church, Marion, S.D. Let us also remember Sister Kroeker as we pray for our missionaries who are returning to the fields at this time.

The following missionaries who have studied Spanish in Costa Rica since last fall should have left for their respective assignments by this time: Ann Klassen to medical service among the Indians in the Paraguayan Chaco and Elsie Kroeker to the hospital in Quito Ecuador, operated in connection with the HCJB program.

The following Catholic view of Protestant missions in Latin America is taken from the Missionary News Service of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association: *Presbyterian Journal* of February 15, 1961,

carried an article on the growth of Protestant work in Latin America written by a Catholic professor, Paul Bouchard, in which he says, "The Catholic Church has already started to counteract Protestant missionary activities in Latin America. In all the Catholic countries of the world and especially in those which like French Canada are nearer to the Latin mind, an international crusade is being organized to save Hispanic America from the spiritual anarchy of the United States. A plan is under study to send educators, social workers, lay and religious missionaries to the rescue of the Church of Christ. Latin America will thus become the scene of the most unneeded struggle of its history." Mr. Bouchard views the Protestant activities in Latin America with alarm, as a "Big Money Operation, an out-and-out offensive in which an enormous capital is invested." The *Journal* carried the article to give its readers first-hand knowledge of the Catholic view of Latin America.

A furlough for the John Toewses, missionaries serving on our field in Peru, has been authorized by the Board of Missions.

### Africa

Congo Inland Mission observed its 50th anniversary in services at Gridley, Ill., April 23. Before the political upheaval in the Congo last year, our mission in the Congo and the CIM worked together in the operation of Ecole Belle Vue missionary, children's school and the Ecole de Mopiteurs teacher training school.

Dr. Vernon Vogt was safely reunited with his family upon his arrival in Hillsboro on April 20. Brother Vogt has been serving in a government hospital in the Congo since last fall.

Another missionary in the Congo, Arnold Prieb, will be leaving for the homeland around the middle of May, but will be stopping at various places enroute home. Brother Prieb has been assisting the national church in the Congo.

Several men missionaries in the homeland are preparing to return to the Congo this summer. A. J. Esau and Alfred Schmidt are to leave around June 1 and the following are to leave later in the summer: Irvin L. Friesen, John B. Kliever and Harold Kruger. It is also planned that Dr. Ferdinand Pauls, now studying in Belgium, go to the Congo in August. Our prayers in behalf of these men, their families and these plans will be much appreciated.

### Dear Prayer Partners

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him before, but before his visit was over, we learned that he was studying at a university in Tokyo and had just come home for a vacation. In Tokyo he had contact with a Christian student center, and through Bible study had come under such deep conviction of his own

sin and need of a Saviour that he could not eat or sleep for days. While reading his Bible on the train on the way home, the Spirit of God had revealed the way of salvation to him and he had become a new creature in Christ. Now he is burning with zeal and love for his new found Lord and would like to tell all the world about Christ, even if it means going to the jungles of Africa. Will you pray with us that Kashiwada-san will grow in the faith and that he may never lose his first love for Christ and his zeal to win others for Him?

This is our first letter to you from our new field of service in Hyuga City. More than two months have passed. We have again experienced that winning souls for Christ and building His church is a battle all the way. The forces of evil are fiercely at work, but so is the Lord of lords. We need your prayers for the unity and love among the Christians here. We need your prayers for the young pastor, that he might grow and have wisdom in the manifoldwork of building the church.

There are signs that the Lord has been working and is continuing to work. Mr. Ueno, a young high school teacher, who has been attending meetings in the neighboring town of Mimitsu, received assurance of salvation on March 28. On April 1 he was married in his home to a non-Christian girl. This had all been planned prior to his conversion. Both are attending the meetings in Mimitsu. Will you pray for the salvation of Mrs. Ueno?

Miss Nasu works in the city hall. She has attended the meetings since November. During our special evangelistic meetings from March 29 to April 2, she yielded her heart to Christ and is rejoicing in the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Mr. Hirano, a university graduate, and his friend, Mr. Arataki, who is a civic worker in a distant mountain village, both believe Christ may be the answer to all their problems and are earnestly seeking the way of peace and salvation. Please pray for them and the many others who have heard the Word of God in recent weeks.

Vangy and Rickie are happily adjusted in our mission school in Miyakonojo. We all look forward to the weekends when they come home. Rosie is all excited. In two days she will enter kindergarten here in our town. Billy and Wanda want to go to kindergarten too, but they will have to wait awhile yet. In the meantime they amuse passers-by by bowing and greeting, which is their only Japanese vocabulary as yet.

Although it is late, yet we thank you for the many special Christmas, New Year and Easter greetings. Your letters are always welcome.

Yours in His service,

Peter and Mary Derksen  
and family

10853 Kamezaki, Hyuga Shi,  
Miyazaki Ken, Japan.



## THE Young Observers



Hello Girls and Boys,

Today I would like to tell you about Jim and his sister Joan. They lived on the farm and had no other friends near them. Often they started to play together nicely, but ended up quarreling.

One day Jim and Joan wanted to play school. They argued about who would be teacher. They wouldn't even consider taking turns. They forgot the verse that Mother had taught them: "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." They were very cross. Jim put Joan's doll high in the cherry tree where she could not get it. Joan threw Jim's new ball into the mud puddle.

Mother heard the crying and angry words. She came out to see what was going on. "I know two magic words that will bring the doll out of the tree and the ball out of the puddle," she said. Jim and Joan were so curious to know the magic words that they forgot their quarrel. "What are they, Mother?" the children coaxed as they came close to Mother.

Mother whispered these words into their ears. "I'm sorry!" Soon the doll came down from the tree and the ball jumped out of the puddle. Guess how! Well, Jim climbed the cherry tree to get the doll and Joan put on her rubbers and went after the ball.

How many of you know these magic words? Have you tried them? I'm certain that they will always end the quarrel.

Love, Aunt Helen

## A Lesson from the Birds

"Mother," Carol called, as she came home from Sunday school. "Teacher told us about birds and springtime, and what Jesus wants us to learn from the birds."

"What are we supposed to learn from the birds?"

"Oh, lots of things, but mostly that we should not worry about anything, because just as God takes

wish I were a little bird that only flies in the air and never have to go to the store, or put my toys away, or hang up my hat and jacket."

"Don't you think there are things birds have to do too?"

Carol thought for a minute, but she couldn't think of anything the birds have to do but fly around,

sing and chirp, and have fun.

"Where do you think birds get their food, Carol?" asked Mother.

"They just find it on the ground, I suppose, and people throw out bread crumbs to them," answered Carol.

"Yes, that is right," replied Mother, "but have you ever thought that perhaps the birds get tired of having to look and look for their food? There may be days when they have a very hard time finding bugs to eat, and when no one throws out bread crumbs for them."

"But, Mother," Carol said, "my teacher said God takes care of the birds. Why do they have to look for food then?"

care of the birds of the air, He will take care of us."

"That's a wonderful thing to remember, isn't it, Carol?"

"Yes, I suppose, but sometimes I get tired of being myself and

"Carol," Mother said softly, "your teacher was right. God takes care of the birds and He takes care of us, too. But he expects the birds to do their part and He expects us to do ours. He gave us hands and feet so we can do things for ourselves, and He made the birds in such a way that they can take care of themselves."

"But, Mother, birds don't have hands and feet like ours."

"No, they don't, Carol, but they have sharp eyes that can see little bugs from a long way off. They have very good ears so they can hear if anyone is coming near to take their food. God gave them strong beaks so they can pull worms out of the ground. Remember, we saw a robin do that last week?"

"And God gave the birds wings so they could fly and look for their food. It would take a long time if they had to walk," added Carol.

"That's right," said Mother.

"Mother," Carol went on, "I don't think I am going to wish I were a bird any more. I'm glad God made me a little girl, and I'm going to try to remember what Jesus wants us to learn from the birds. I'm going to remember that God takes care of the birds and He will take care of us. But we have to use the things He gave us to help take care of ourselves."

"I think that is a wonderful thing to remember, Carol. We all need to remember that God wants us to do our part."

## The Indian Elephant

An Animal Which Helps

By G. E. Breary

Among the most docile and obedient of all the animals trained to be used by man is the Indian elephant, although he is the largest of all the animals and might well try to throw his weight about. Certainly the elephant is somewhat slow in his movements, but this is more than made up for by his great strength. As well as being able to carry loads of half a ton, he is able to lift weights which would be be-



yond the capacity of any other animal.

In ancient times, elephants were often used in warfare, and one of the most famous stories in the world tells how a great general, Hannibal of Carthage, marched from Spain, over the frozen Alps to invade Italy with a huge army of cavalry, infantry and elephants.

However, in these modern days elephants are more peaceably employed. In Ceylon, for instance, they are used a great deal in the saw mills, where their great strength enables them to lift, carry and stack huge logs of teak. In the rice and paddy fields too, you may see them being used for ploughing up the rich soil ready for a new sowing.

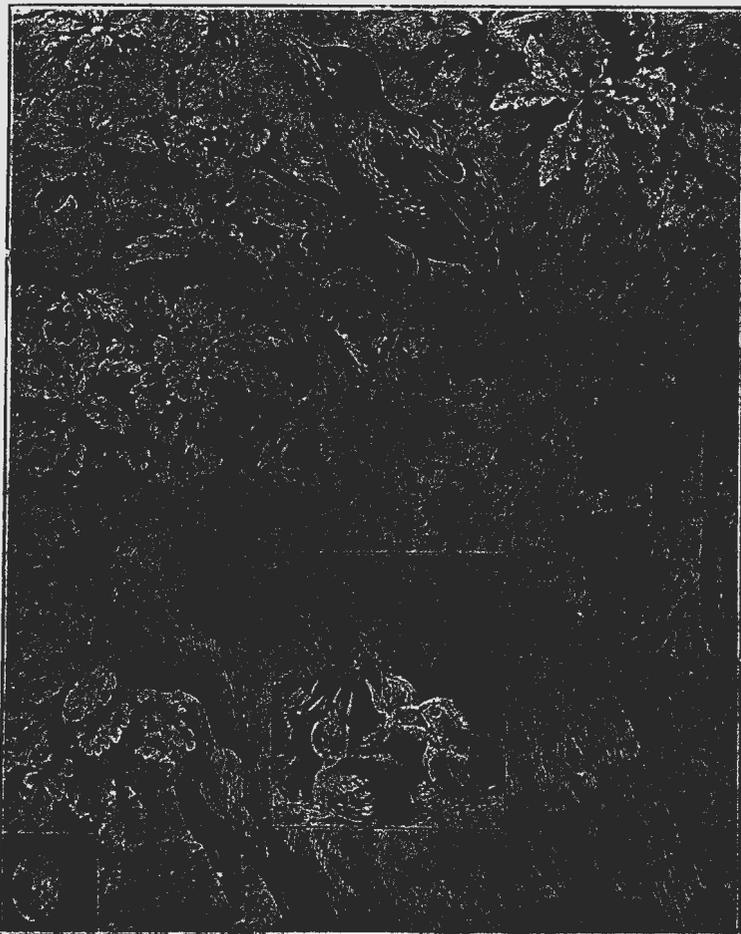
In India, where elephants are used for all kinds of heavy jobs, they are also sometimes given surprisingly light ones. This is because of their extreme gentleness and trustworthiness. Elephants have even been used as babysitters when no others were available, taking great care of their charges and carefully lifting them in their trunks if the children strayed from a given area.

In an old edition of The Children's Encyclopedia, there is an amusing story about an elephant which had his own ideas about being helpful. He was young at the time, having been captured as a baby and tamed by a doctor who was in charge of a hospital in Ceylon. The little elephant became so fond of its master that it followed him around like Mary's little lamb, being especially keen on visiting the wards where everyone made a great fuss of it.

But the elephant was not too busy being petted to notice what was going on around him and one day he proved this by taking part in a patient's treatment. This is what happened.

The doctor, in handing a pill to one of the native patients, dropped it on the floor. At once the elephant picked it up in his trunk, popped it into the astonished man's mouth and then, with a great puff, blew it down his throat.

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



## Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(35th Installment)

The plans for the mission included a great open-air meeting along the beach front, followed by a big procession through the main streets of the town to the marquee, where a great public rally was to be held as a preliminary to the official opening of the mission in the evening. There was to be a fellowship tea in a smaller tent adjoining the main marquee for those who wished to remain right through to the evening meeting, with small groups pledged to devote themselves to prayer, while others among them went out two-by-two into the streets and public places with personal invitations to passers-by to come to the mission meeting.

Of course, the Mission was not the only attraction that Southdown could boast on that day. This little seaside town always had plenty to interest its many visitors, but in addition to the ordinary attractions, this day marked the opening of the annual summer carnival which always drew big crowds. So there was a good deal of speculation as to whether the monster marquee Mission would be able to offer any effective competition to this festival of fun and frolic. There was sharply divided opinion on the question among the average citizens, most of whom were prepared to "wait and see" what the outcome would be. But Pastor Brandon's opponents loudly prophesied the complete failure of the mission, while the pastor himself rallied his supporters with the force of his own infectious enthusiasm.

"I am more and more convinced," he declared, "that the Lord will use this mission to make history in this town!"

"May it please God!" echoed Granny Weston fervently, when the pastor paid his final visit to the little cottage before the commencement of the mission.

Maxwell Brandon had never allowed anything to interfere with his regular pastoral visits to Granny Weston, and a very real bond of Christian love and fellowship had been forged between them, for the old lady became his trusted confidante and counsellor in many things that burdened his heart. Her faith and patience never failed to inspire him, her courage challenged him, and her Christian grace humbled him in heart and spirit before the Lord. She was always so grateful for his visits, but he always insisted that he gained more from them than he could give.

"You know, Granny, we could take you along to the first night of the mission in a wheel-chair or a stretcher, if you felt you could make the trip," he suggested whole-

heartedly. "It would be lovely if you could be there!"

The old lady kindly dissented. "It's very kind of you, Mr. Brandon, but I'm afraid I couldn't stand the journey. It would be too much."

"I understand, so don't worry," the pastor assured her gently.

"I'll just have to be a 'praying partner' in this mission, Mr. Brandon," she continued with the same quiet resignation. "And I want you to know that while those meetings are in progress I will be upholding you before the Lord in prayer, praying for a special outpouring of His Spirit upon you as you carry on this great work."

"Thank you, Granny. And may God grant it," he said humbly.

Of course, Granny Weston had been told everything that was planned in connection with the mission, and she insisted that Nancy and Pauline were not to pay her their customary weekend visit on the opening day, because she wanted them to be free to devote themselves to the special duties that she knew the occasion would require. And as the girls realized that the day would be a full and busy one, they agreed, with the promise that they would call the next day and give her all the news.

Nancy, at the pastor's request, had agreed to sing at the open-air meeting in the afternoon and again at each of the mission services—a heavy program which she was undertaking. But she would not do it in her own strength, but as a calling from the Lord, realizing what a wonderful opportunity of service it was. Her one desire was that she might be able to lead someone to the Lord through the message of her songs. So she spent much time in prayerful preparation for her task.

Besides accompanying Nancy for the singing, Pauline was busy helping her father with the other work involved—work in which the whole family was happy to share. Even little David insisted on helping fold the handbills that had been specially printed for distribution in the town.

"You'll have to watch him, Dad," warned young Robert rather impatiently. "He's not doing it the right way."

"I'm helping!" said the little fellow proudly.

His father gave him an encouraging smile. "Of course you are, my boy."

"Yes, Dad, but what's the use if he doesn't do it properly?"

Maxwell Brandon paused long enough in his task to give his elder son a few words of wisdom. "We're 'workers together,' you see, Rob-

ert. We're a team, all doing our best, and if the strong ones help the weak, everything turns out right in the end."

"I suppose so, Dad," the boy agreed, although he was still eyeing his little brother's work with suspicion, "but if someone messes things up—"

"We'll have to try and straighten things out, that's all," his father went on. "That's what God does when we make mistakes, Robert. You know, I often think that we must be more of a hindrance to Him sometimes instead of a help. But because He loves us He still lets us work with Him, and He takes all our imperfect efforts and works them into the great divine pattern."

"O.K., Dad!" said Robert with a grin. "You win!" Then fearing that his father might launch out into a lengthy exposition, he quickly changed the subject. "Anyway, I've put in some good work for the mission with the boys at school. They're keen about the procession of witness, Dad. The Christian Fellowship crowd said they'd join in!"

"Good! We want every Christian right behind us in this venture."

"The girls are going to support it, too, Daddy," added Pauline enthusiastically. "We'll have a wonderful crowd, I'm sure!"

Robert rubbed his hands together gleefully. "I'll be there with bells on!" he declared.

"So will I—with my bells on," echoed little David, as he laboriously folded another leaflet with his chubby little hands.

"David, don't be silly! You don't know what 'bells on' means," said Robert scornfully.

David was still concentrating on folding handbills. "But I'll be there all the same."

"No, you won't." His brother seemed determined to disillusion him. "This is all for grown-ups. You're too young to be in it."

But the baby of the Brandon family was hard to convince. He turned to his father with an appealing expression on his face. "I will be there, won't I, Daddy?"

Maxwell Brandon did not seem anxious to commit himself. "Well," he began, "I just don't know."

"But Daddy, can I go?" The little boy dropped what he was doing and came to his father's side, slipping his arms around his neck. "You said you wanted everybody to go."

"Yes, but not little boys like you, David," Robert hastened to explain. "You'd only be in the way."

"No, I wouldn't—would I, Daddy?" pleaded the little boy, his innocent blue eyes looking up into his father's face.

Maxwell Brandon could not resist the entreaty, but taking the child into his arms he lifted him on his knee. "You'd never be in the way, David."

The little boy's eyes lit up. "Then I can go, Daddy—can't I?"

His father hesitated. "Well, it's this way, David. Someone will have to look after you if you come to the open-air meeting, and Daddy can't because he will be talking to the people."

"And I can't either!" added Robert very emphatically, for he had visions of his own well-planned activities being curtailed through having his baby brother "in tow." "I've arranged with the boys."

"I can look after myself!" The little boy threw down the challenge with so much confidence that everybody laughed.

"Why, a little boy like you would be lost in the crowd, David," his mother protested.

"No, mummy, I'd be all right!"

"Oh, but listen!" Pauline had suddenly thought of something. "What's going to happen if he doesn't go? There'll be nobody to stay at home with him. We'll all be at the meeting."

"Yes, that's what I was thinking," Mrs. Brandon agreed. "You can all go and I'll—"

"No, mother," put in her husband firmly, anticipating what she was about to say. "You're not to stay at home this time. I want you to be there. The pastor and his wife must stand together in this venture."

"Yes, dear, but what about David?"

"We'll find someone who can't go to the meeting and we'll ask them to mind our little David for the afternoon. How's that, son?"

"No, Daddy, please!" David was almost in tears. "Can't I go with you?"

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon looked at each other in helpless indecision. Obviously they were thinking along similar lines. If the child was so anxious to accompany them, so eager to be identified in his own little way with this great Christian witness, would it be right to refuse him?

Mrs. Brandon suddenly thought of a solution. "He really could come to the meeting with me, dear," she suggested to her husband. "I could look after him, because I'll only be looking on. He shouldn't be any trouble."

So it was finally agreed to let David come, and everyone was satisfied—everyone except the pastor, who had wanted his wife to be free of family encumbrances on this special occasion. But she pointed out that the other members of the family each had some special duties in connection with the meeting and that this was the only way to make it possible for them all to share together in what must certainly be a memorable experience. And so Margaret Brandon again played an unspectacular role in her quiet, selfless way in order that others might be the better able to serve in more prominent places.

(To be continued)

# MCC News & Notes

## Fred Nighswander Heads Ont. Relief Organization

Fred Nighswander of Stouffville, Ont., was elected chairman of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization at its annual meeting held at the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren church on Tuesday, April 25, 1961.

Representatives from the various supporting conferences were present to hear the reports of the activities of the past year. The treasurer, Etril Snyder, reported cash receipts of over \$35,000 for various relief purposes and an additional \$2,500 in miscellaneous receipts. These funds were used to support the MCC general relief and aid programs and finance milk and pork shipments. The shipping committee reported nine shipments of clothing sent to Jordan, Korea, Paraguay, Austria, Germany and England, having a total weight of 130,000 pounds and a value of \$160,000. There were 23 shipments of pork to Germany, Austria, Hong Kong, Korea, Egypt, Haiti, Chile, Viet Nam, Indonesia, and Crete, having a weight of 1,150,000 pounds and valued at \$575,000. This pork was donated by the Canadian government.

During the year the Canadian government also made available to the organization surplus whole milk products and five shipments were sent to British Honduras, Formosa, Viet Nam, Algeria and Africa, having a total weight of 145,000 pounds and a value of approximately \$50,000. The report also showed a total of 115,000 pounds of clothing having been contributed to the Kitchener Clothing Depot during the year.

C. J. Rempel, MCC representative, gave a report of the annual meeting held in Chicago in January, 1961. He reported of the various relief fields and the future plans of the MCC.

The organization agreed to increase its monthly contribution to MCC from \$2,500 to \$2,800 per month. It was also decided to conduct a special project in the fall, depending upon the need and the available food products. Another motion, which was accepted, was to raise \$10,000 as the organization's portion of the capital building project of the MCC and to send \$4,000 at this time.

In addition to the new chairman, Fred Nighswander, the following were elected: C. J. Rempel, Kitchener, vice-chairman; Henry Epp, Waterloo, past president and MCC member; Wilfred Ulrich, Kitchener,

secretary; George Friesen, Vineland, material aid advisory member.

The evening of the same day was in the form of an open meeting with Dr. C. N. Hostetter, chairman of the Mennonite Central Committee, the guest speaker. He challenged the audience by presenting the needs in various parts of the world and showing pictures of relief work done there. Sister Oberinn Mohrmann was also a guest speaker. Miss Mohrmann is a superintendent of a large Deaconess Order in Germany whose welfare work is known throughout Germany. She makes considerable use of MCC food and materials in her work, and her primary purpose of coming to Canada was to express on behalf of her order the sincere thanks to the various churches and organizations for the assistance rendered to them.

C. J. Rempel

## MCC News Brief

Lawrence H. Kehler, Abbotsford, B.C., will join the Akron staff in September, 1961, as Secretary of Information Service. Kehler will graduate from Bethel College, North Newton, Kans., in May, 1961. He is a member of the Clearbrook Mennonite Church, Clearbrook, B.C.

## Christian Church in Nigeria

How Christians assess the future of their work in Nigeria was briefly summarized by an American missionary serving in Nigeria with the United Sudan Mission: "While every indication has been given that there will be religious tolerance, the majority of government leaders are Muslim and thus deadly opposed to Christianity." Among other Christian observers, the degree of optimism depends on which half of this summary they stress. The more hopeful emphasize that while government leaders are telling missionaries that they must not mix politics with religion, those leaders are also applying the same requirements to themselves.

Both the Prime Minister of Nigeria and the Chief Minister of the Northern Region have voiced sympathetic and appreciative attitudes toward the work of the church. They have stated that there would be no change in the official policy toward missions, provided the missionaries refrained from taking part in political activities. How-

ever, one US missionary in Northern Nigeria said that among so-called intellectuals, many of whom were educated in mission schools, there is outspoken sentiment that missionaries should be told to leave this now independent country.

At the same time, some Nigerians—not only Christians, but also unbelievers—are showing uneasiness at the prospect of oppression now that the Muslims have civil power. Strengthening these fears is the fact that Islam is definitely on the march in this part of Africa. According to a recent authoritative survey, it is progressing ten times more rapidly than Christianity along the West African coast.

Citing this fact, a visiting Christian journalist wrote: "The powerful north of Nigeria, in spite of long years of Christian missions, remains unshakably Muslim, and sends its emissaries southward into the forest areas where Christianity holds sway. The clash of the two great religions will be probably seen in an independent Nigeria as nowhere else in the world, for here the two faiths meet in some strength, and both are anxious to win the 'pagan' and uncommitted tribes of central Nigeria. The outcome of that struggle will decide which way Africa will turn—to Islam or to Christianity."

Christian News Report

## 13 Workers Complete Orientation

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Thirteen outgoing workers have completed orientation at Akron headquarters and are leaving for assignments in relief work, Pax and Voluntary Service. The workers attended an April 12-25 orientation school planned and supervised by the Personnel Office.

A commissioning service was held for the new workers in the Bethel Mennonite Church, Lancaster, on Sunday evening, April 23. Glenn Esh, pastor of the Monterey Mennonite Church, Leola, Pa., brought the commissioning message and Edgar Stoesz, MCC Voluntary Service Director, gave the commission.

### Voluntary Service Workers

Five of the 13 workers will enter Voluntary Service in the US, Haiti and Mexico. Anna Graham, Ridgeway, Ont., will go to Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Md., and Martin Penner, Sardis, B.C., to Kings View Hospital, Reedley, Calif. Betty Peters, Vancouver, B.C., will join the VS unit at Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti, where she will serve as a nurse. Stanley and Janice Pankratz, Mountain Lake,

Minn., will develop an agricultural extension program with the Mazahua Indians in Mexico.

### Paxmen

Assigned to the European Pax program are Aden Troyer, Sugar Creek, Ohio, and Dick Bartel, Meade, Kans. Bartel is transferring into Pax work from Voluntary Service at Akron headquarters. European Paxmen receive specific assignments after arriving in Europe.

Jacob D. Thiessen, Austin, Man., will work with the MCC unit assisting Mennonite colonists in British Honduras. Stanley Kamp, Orrville, Ohio, and Karl Enns, Waterloo, Ont., will join the Pax unit in Nepal. Paxmen in Nepal work for the United Mission to Nepal, chiefly in construction.

### Other Workers

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Stover, Bethlehem, Pa., will be going to the island of Timor, Indonesia, where Dr. Stover will initiate MCC medical services in cooperation with the Christian Church of Timor.

Philip Hoover, Troy, Ohio, will serve at Akron headquarters as an assistant in the Ephrata Clothing Center.



APRIL 12-26 ORIENTATION SCHOOL. Front to back, left to right: Karl Enns, Betty Peters, Mrs. Janice Pankratz, Mrs. Dorothy Stover, Stanley Kamp, Stanley Pankratz, Dr. Samuel Stover, Jake Thiessen, Philip Hoover, Anna Graham, Martin Penner, Dick Bartel, Aden Troyer.

## NEWS from HERE and THERE

### 60th Anniversary at Plum Coulee

The village of Plum Coulee, Man., is laying plans for a joint 60th anniversary celebration on Thursday, July 6. The affair will include a sports day, parade and queen contest. Participating will be the Village of Plum Coulee Council, the Plum Coulee Chamber of Commerce, the Kinsmen Club of Plum Coulee and the Plum Coulee Game and Fish Association.

Lyle Wilcox, Chairman of the committee, said there would be an official dedication of the community's 60th birthday with many dignitaries invited. Among them are R. A. Emerson, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., who was born and raised in Plum Coulee, and his father, Bert Emerson, who was station agent there at one time and who is the oldest living retired CPR agent in Canada. Mr. Emerson has stated he will be present if at all possible. Also invited are Mayor Stephen Juba of Winnipeg and the Hon. Gurney S. Evans, Minister of Industry and Commerce. Many other civic and business leaders will be invited.

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### Greatest Threat to Christianity

Moslem missionaries to Africans are proving more adaptable than Christian missionaries, making Islam the greatest threat to Christianity on the Dark Continent. This is the opinion of Bishop Stephen Bayne, executive officer of the Anglican Communion. Bishop Bayne's warning was repeated by the Rev. J. M. Burns, domestic chaplain to the Archbishop of Capetown. Mr. Burns said he had observed a noticeable drift away from Orthodox Christianity which is "being increasingly viewed as allied with Western domination. The Church in South Africa is being attacked openly, and this main attack comes from the resurgent forces of Islam." He said, "Africans are turning in ever-increasing numbers to this alien faith."

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### Indonesia

A recent letter from Lim Khi Thin indicates that Chinese Christians in Indonesia are experiencing difficulties and hardships. Lim Khi Thin is a spiritual son of our China mission work now laboring in Indonesia. The difficulties to which he refers are apparently due to the pressure on Chinese people in Indonesia to return to the mainland of China. Chinese Christians not returning are finding it difficult to maintain themselves, and their faith is severely tested. Lim Khi Thin seeks to assist them as best he can although his material resources are

very limited. He visits them as much as possible to encourage them in their faith.

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### Israel's Bulb Industry

Fifteen million gladioli bulbs being planted this spring in the gardens of English, Scandinavian and American homes came from Israel. Five million of these were grown in two Negev farms just north of Beersheba. It is believed that Israel's bulb industry can be increased 40-fold, as the US alone imports 500 million gladioli bulbs a year. Today US supermarkets carry on their shelves gladioli bulbs packed in plastic bags and bearing the inscription, "Buy Bulbs from the Holy Land." Thirty different strains are now grown in Israel. Israel-grown gladioli bulbs have the advantage that they can be planted in spring, while the European bulbs have to be set out in autumn.

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### Israeli Explorers

ISRAEL — War booty believed to have been captured from Roman legions by Jewish rebels eighteen centuries ago was found recently in a cave west of the Dead Sea. About 450 copper and bronze objects were found by Israeli explorers searching four caves for traces of the Jews who fought under Bar Kochba against the Romans in the second century and then hid in the caves after the collapse of their revolt. The state radio, reporting on the expedition, said the discovery was made by a girl volunteer whom it described as "an American tourist named Ruthie." The objects were found in a cave at Nahal Mishwar.

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### Sacrificing a Meal

KOREA — Hundreds of Protestant Christians in Seoul are sacrificing a meal a day in a city-wide relief movement to benefit some half a million Korean farmers who reportedly are starving due to a poor harvest last year. The campaign, sponsored by some 300 church leaders of various denominations, has collected thousands of bushels of rice thus far.

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### Moslem Demands

Moslem prisoners in New York State are demanding concessions for the practice of their religion. More than 100 court actions have been brought by prisoners, many of whom have been converted to the Moslem religion while in prison. (Half of the 19,500 people in New York state prisons are Negroes.) Among other things, the prisoners are asking the right to receive visits from officials of the Temple of Islam in New York City to hold

meetings within the prison and even to build temples within the prison yards.

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### Far East Vacuum Not Filled

Dr. Louis H. Evans, roving ambassador for three million United Presbyterians, told 40 clergymen at Minneapolis that America is failing to fill the vacuum that exists in the hearts and minds of people in the Far East. The well-known minister-at-large for his denomination's National Missions Board said the church needs "to go on the march and to use laymen as never before" in its ministry abroad. Speaking at a ministerial association breakfast, Dr. Evans said the church should send Christian businessmen, surgeons and other laymen to witness to their faith among people in the same professions in countries overseas. He appealed for a "priesthood of the laity." He said that during his recent trip abroad he found that Moslems are flooding the Far East and other areas with their missionaries. "The average American businessman is embarrassed about bowing his head for grace before a meal in public," he said, "but a Moslem businessman will take out his rug and pray on the street in an African city."

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### Motor Vehicles in Manitoba

A comprehensive plan to build more highways in Manitoba to meet the needs of one and one-third million Manitobans whose 500,000 motor vehicles will travel more than four billion vehicle miles per year by 1980, has been presented to the Manitoba Legislature.

In 1945 there were 7.9 people for every registered motor vehicle in the province. In 1960 the ratio had increased to 3.3 people per registered vehicle. By 1980, the report estimated, there will be 2.3 people for each registered vehicle.

It is estimated that the average vehicle travels 7,500 miles per year and the trend is toward higher mileage. By 1980 the figure is expected to reach 8,000 miles per year. In 1956 a total of two billion traffic miles were recorded on Manitoba highways. By 1980, the total is expected to exceed 4.2 billion traffic miles.

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### Red China Buying Canadian Grain

Ottawa — Agriculture Minister Hamilton announced in the Commons recently a long-term agreement with Communist China had been reached for the sale of barley and wheat in the period from June 1, 1961, to December, 1963, worth approximately \$362,000,000.

The sale involves 186,700,000 bushels of wheat and 46,700,000 bushels of barley. This agreement is in addition to the 40,000,000 bushels of wheat and barley sold recently to China valued at approximately \$60,000,000.

The minister also disclosed an additional sale to China of 2,200,000 bushels of wheat valued at \$3,700,000, for shipment during March to May, 1961.

The approximate total value of the three transactions is \$425,600,000, Mr. Hamilton told an applauding house. The terms of the payment are 25 per cent cash and the balance in 270 days.

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### Cuba Socialist State

Key West, Florida. — Prime Minister Fidel Castro on May 2 declared Cuba a "socialist" (that is Communist) state, ruled out elections and clapped harsh new restrictions on the Roman Catholic Church.

Cuban masses filled Havana's civic plaza for a mammoth May Day demonstration and roared their assent when Castro insisted on Cuba's right to choose its own political and social future despite United States disapproval.

"We will not even discuss that subject," said Castro, whose audience was estimated by Havana television commentators at 3,000,000. The telecast was monitored in Key West, 90 miles from Havana.

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### Henry Enns Receives Trophy

Mr. Henry Enns of Domain, receiving the Sherwin-Williams trophy for highest standing in crop management at the recent commencement exercises of the Diploma Course in agriculture at the University of Manitoba. The presentation was made by H. H. Saunderson, president of the university.

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## YOUTH IN ACTION

### Memories of the Colombian Youth Convention

In large, black letters on a scroll on the front of the La Cumbre school auditorium were the words, "Stir up the gifts of God," according to II Tim. 1:6. These words constituted the theme of our second regional young people's convention here in the Valle of Colombia. Since our first convention of this nature last year, all our young people were anticipating great things to happen. Praise the Lord, He does not disappoint us.

They came by bus, train, on foot and horseback from the city and mountain areas to be there for the opening service on the evening of March 25. Carlos Hugo Zorrilla, the young president, just two years in the new life with Christ, spoke warm words of welcome to all. Trembling in body but firm in spirit, he spoke with confidence because God had promised to be with his mouth and teach him what to say.

As at all conventions, so there is much activity here, and this, directed into the right channels, can rebound to the glory of His name. The speakers' messages helped to stir up the gifts that often lie dormant in youth. The classes for the various age groups in the mornings were timely and in harmony with the theme. Stewardship in its various aspects was discussed and according to comments has proven a blessing in the individual lives.

A great willingness was manifested not only to participate in spiritual activities such as directing the 6:30 a.m. prayer meeting and serve with special numbers in song, but also to serve at tables and wash dishes. The La Cumbre ladies served snacks and the proceeds of some 80 pesos was a contribution for our paper *El Pregonero*.

Another highlight of the convention was a Bible verse memory contest in which four teams participated. The winning team from a small country congregation won the shield of the "Royal Ambassadors" (name

given to the Christian young people's societies of Colombia). It was a thrill to see how these fine young girls and fellows had worked on these hundred verses to say them correctly and cite the references as well.

The last ones hurried home on March 29 after a thorough clean-up job in the kitchen, dining hall, chapel and dormitories. Even though the convention days came to a close quickly, many a lasting impression and influence was created and is bringing forth fruit now. Thank you for your prayers.

Annie E. Dyck

### Youth Conference at Boissevain, Man.

In Ezekiel 34:26 we read, "... and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing." How true it is that when we ask the Lord to bless He will not let us down. We experienced this again on Saturday, April 22, when the young people of the five western district churches—Brandon, Justice, Alexander, Boissevain and Lena, gathered at the Boissevain church for a youth conference. Our theme was "Victorious Christian Living" and was very well expounded by our guest speaker, Rev. J. H. Quiring from Winkler.

The afternoon's message was based on Romans 8:37: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rev. Quiring introduced his message by saying that the Christian life is a prolonged conflict against Satan, sin, and self. The Christian must however, have constant victory, not ups and downs. He then proceeded to give five requirements for victorious Christian living. They were: a new relationship, a new nature, a new love, new power and new standards. The thought portrayed throughout the message is well summarized in this quotation by Rev. Quiring: "If we let the Holy Spirit rule totally in our lives, we will never do anything against God's

law. Whatever we do should be done to the glory of God."

Following the message, the congregation divided into five groups, each group discussing one point of the sermon. These discussions also proved to be very profitable.

During the intermission between the afternoon and evening services, we gathered in the lower auditorium of the church for fellowship around the table. Here we enjoyed a delicious supper prepared by the ladies of the Boissevain Church.

At 6:30 p.m. we again gathered in the main auditorium of the church, refreshed and prepared to receive the blessings that the Lord had in store for us. In the evening's message, continuing with the theme, Rev. Quiring listed the areas in a Christian's life where we have conflicts and must exercise self-control: thought, speech, companionship, reading, amusements, and conduct in general. We must accept direction from God each day and always have a conscience void of offence toward God and men. God requires a conscientious walk.

Special numbers in song, rendered by groups from the various churches, added to the blessings of the services. We are thankful to God for the blessings He bestowed upon us. We all realized our shortcomings and determined in our hearts to avail ourselves of God's provision for a victorious Christian life.

Elizabeth Poetker

### Christian Training for India's Youth

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important place in the program of the church. The whole content of our Christian schools should lead towards a very definite goal. That is, all subject teaching, all relationships in these schools, and all extra-curricular activities should lead boys and girls to a full understanding of the Christian revelation of God and to a personal response to the call of God in Jesus Christ.

During the past school year we have tried to work towards that objective. To what extent we have succeeded we are unable to state, as it is very difficult to assess spiritual growth. We have had mountain-top experiences when we believed the Lord was being glorified and His people were experiencing victory. We have had the valley experiences when Satan seemed to be winning the battle. But we are trusting Him Who said: "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

We are very privileged to have a well qualified and co-operative staff to teach our children. The teachers are not only willing to teach Bible classes but to assist in many other evangelistic efforts. Mr. Arthur, Mr. David, Mr. Bhasker Rao and Mr. Prabhakara Rao have actively participated in village evangelism during the weekends. Mr. Chelliah is proof-reading all the lit-

erature printed in our mission press and takes great interest in the production of Christian literature. Mr. Bhasker Rao has through the course of the year printed a number of gospel tracts and is sending them to all parts of India where the Telugu language is spoken. Mr. Bhaghavan Doss is giving sacrificially of his talent to the radio ministry and is responsible for the actual taping of all programs. We praise God for the teachers who are standing with us faithfully in making Christ known to the boys and girls in the school, to the villagers in village evangelism, through the printed page and radio evangelism.

In spite of the heavy extra-curricular activities the staff is trying to maintain a high academic standard. In the 1960 March examinations, 51 per cent of the boys successfully completed government examinations.

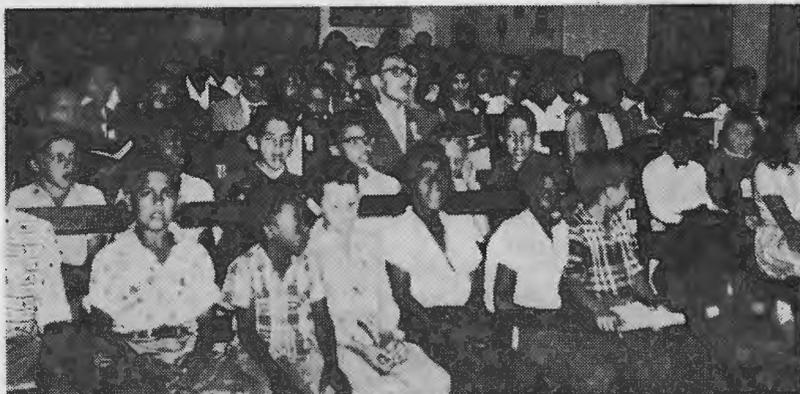
Elijah Benjamin has been in charge of the Bible courses in the high school during the past year, which have been very profitable. In his quiet way he has had many opportunities for soul-winning. Miss Anne Ediger has been working with the high school boarding girls since her return to India and has found the girls very responsive to the Word of God. Rev. Sanjeeva Rao conducted four days of services for the children and very recently Mr. Theophilus also had a week of revival meetings. During these campaigns many children came forward to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

### School Children Smoking

CANADA — A survey of several thousand teenage students has revealed several interesting facts, according to an article by Franklin Russell in *Maclean's* magazine of March 11. One is that for some reason which no one has identified, there seems to be a higher incidence of smoking among Roman Catholic young people than among Protestants. A questionnaire concerning 21,000 children in Winnipeg, revealed that only five per cent of elementary school pupils were smokers, but before the end of high school the habit had spread to half the boys and a third of the girls. Most children imitate their parents. When both parents smoke, smoking incidence is twice as high among girls. The threat of lung cancer has little effect on teenagers, most of whom do not seem to care right now what will happen to them when they get to be 40 or 50.

### Summer Camp Planned

Our churches in North Carolina are again planning a summer camp program and find that they need a chapel for this ministry. At its recent meeting the Board of Missions voted to assist the North Carolina churches in the erection of a chapel building.



Colombia young people in session during the 1961 convention held in La Cumbre March 25 to 28.

# EDUCATION

## SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

### M. B. Seminary Gets Library Annuity

**Fresno, Calif.** — On April 20, President B. J. Braun of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary announced to the seminary faculty and student body that Rev. and Mrs. John H. Lohrenz of Fresno, returned missionaries from India, have promised to make available \$20,000 in the form of an annuity contract for the establishment of a Seminary Library Fund.

At a dinner in the home of Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Braun, the executive committee discussed the arrangements with Rev. and Mrs. Lohrenz. Part of the money will be available September 1, 1961, and the remainder within one year of that date.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Education, which constitutes the Seminary Board, encouraged the administration to proceed with planning and promotion to utilize these annuity funds.

### 124 Students to Receive Degrees

**North Newton, Kans.** — One hundred and twenty-four students are scheduled to receive degrees at Bethel College's commencement exercises on Sunday, May 28.

According to the list released by the dean's office, there are 69 Bachelor of Arts, 49 Bachelor of Science, and four Associate in Arts degree candidates. Thirty-two of the graduates will complete requirements for their degrees this summer and 86 will fulfil their graduation requirements in May. The remaining six students completed their courses in November and February.

Some of the candidates for degrees are listed here. Each student's degree and major are shown.

Linda Krueger, Gretna, Man., B.S., Nursing; Gerald Loewen, Altona, Man., A.B., Music; Robert Loewen, Altona, Man., English; Cornie Rempel, Glenbush, Sask., A.B., Bible; Helen Loewen, Gretna, Man., B.S., Chemistry; David Reimer, Rosthern, Sask., A.B., Social Science; Louise Dick, Ruthven, Ont., A.B., Social Science; John Martens, Stanford, Man., A.B., History; Peter Letkemann, Waldheim, Sask., A.B., Social Science; Alfred Heinrichs, Altona, Man., A.B., Sociology; Gerhard Klaassen, Laird, Sask., A.B., English and Music.

### Building Program of Bethel College

**North Newton, Kans.** — The Bethel College board of directors at a meeting Friday, April 7, approved the construction of new wings capable of accommodating an additional

204 students for tow of the school's dormitories.

The board, in approving the additions to Women's Residence Hall and Goering Hall, estimated that the two new wings will cost slightly in excess of \$400,000. Construction is slated to begin this fall. The wings are expected to be ready for occupancy in time for the 1962-63 school year.

The addition to Goering Hall will accommodate 96 students, increasing the dormitory's capacity to 216. The new wing for Women's Residence Hall will have facilities to accommodate an additional 108 students. Presently the hall has room for 102 students.

After the addition to Women's Residence Hall is completed, Carnegie Hall will be torn down. The board felt that the cost of renovating the old dormitory, which was built in 1907, would be prohibitive.

### Voth Assumes Brandon College Post

John A. Voth, formerly of Winkler, has resigned as principal of Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute to accept the position of assistant professor of education in the faculty of education at Brandon College.

He is completing his third year as principal at the local collegiate. Since going to Neepawa, Mr. Voth has taken a prominent part in musical affairs. He is bandmaster of Neepawa Lions Club Band, director of the Collegiate Glee Club, and has served as choir leader of the First Baptist Church here.

He introduced the grade 9 instrumental music course in the Neepawa Collegiate curriculum, and the innovation proved most successful. Mrs. Voth has also taken a leading part in musical programs presented here.

### Graduation at Swift Current Bible School

**Swift Current, Sask.** — "Into His Vineyard" was the main theme of the closing conference and graduation exercises of the Swift Current Bible Institute on April 8 and 9.

Many parents of the students, friends of the school and ex-students were present to witness and engage in the weekend activities. Two guest speakers, whose services were greatly appreciated, dealt with subjects related to the central theme: missionary education, Bible knowledge, our means, and our motives in the service of Christ.

Rev. George Neufeld, Inman, Kansas, who recently returned from the Congo, served with a series of messages which confronted those

who anticipated missionary service with a very practical challenge. The 'touch of the Master's hand,' a practical education, self-discipline, and righteous living are absolutely essential in the work of missions. Rev. Neufeld defined missions as "meeting the men in search of God with the object of their search." The white man has destroyed the African's faith in idols but has failed to replace it with a faith in the Person of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Abe Neufeld, pastor of the General Conference Church at Killarney, Man., felt that the Christian Church was experiencing a "spring time" in its relationship to the Bible. "We believe," he said, "that with the Bible in our hand we can win our greatest victories." Regarding the Christian's giving to missions he stated that "the time has come when evangelical Christianity must take a good look at its own resources," and that basically only prayer and heart searching can change our view of missions. Rev. Neufeld felt that Christianity had not kept pace with other religions under the best possible conditions. He suggested a "gossiping of the gospel" as an important method to missionary success.

Sunday, April 8, was also highlighted by the presentation of diplomas to the 12 members of the graduating class as well as the short ground-breaking ceremony on the new Bible school site. The school choirs presented a large part of the Sunday evening service and there were guest speakers.

### Tabor College

#### Spring Music Festival

The Spring Music Festival, annually the outstanding musical event of the second semester at Tabor College, took place on Friday, April 21.

Groups appearing included the 49-voice College Chorus under the direction of Dr. Paul W. Wohlge-muth, a brass sextet directed by Prof. Larry Feil; the Singing Ensemble, an 18-voice vocal group directed by Prof. Herbert C. Richter; a women's triple trio; and a male octet.

These groups were heard in music dating from the 16th century to the present. A highlight was the performance of "The 150th Psalm," by the 17th century composer, Heinrich Schuetz. The 20-minute work featured a double chorus, a double brass choir and was sung in the German language.

Other numbers by the choir included works by J. S. Bach, Praetorius, Tallis, Tschesnokoff, Nystedt, as well as folk melodies and spirituals.

#### Receives Carnegie Grant

John F. Wiebe, assistant business manager at Tabor College, has been awarded a grant by the Carnegie Corporation of New York for study at the University of Omaha during July.

He will participate in the annual

College Business Management Short Course which deals with problems of purchasing, institutional budget preparation, and finance control. The grant includes tuition, room and board, books, and travel expenses.

At Tabor, Wiebe is in charge of student financial services, campus employment, student loans, student accounts, and manager of the college cafeteria. He is a graduate of Tabor and holds an M.S. degree from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

### M. B. Bible College

#### Instructor Serves in Evangelistic Campaign

Rev. J. J. Toews served as evangelist in a special campaign conducted by the Emmanuel Mission Church of Steinbach. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Henry G. Rempel. A union campaign is planned for Southern Manitoba for July 16 to 30 with the Rev. J. J. Toews as evangelist. A large tent has been secured for the purpose and a number of denominations are co-operating in the campaign. Rev. J. H. Quiring is acting as chairman of the planning committee.

#### Chairman of MCC Visits Campus

Dr. C. N. Hostetter, chairman of MCC and former president of Messiah College, was a recent guest on the campus. Addressing the students concerning his recent seven-month tour of the Far and Near East, Dr. Hostetter challenged the students to devote their lives to the great cause of proclaiming Christ to the needy. This, he felt, could be done in the context of alleviating suffering. He related several incidents of the great response of the eastern peoples to the gospel. "Living close to such deep need for a time," said the speaker, "does something to the Christian." Bishop Hostetter is presently visiting the churches reporting on his tour.

### Sask. University Post Accepted

**Edmonton, Alta.** — Rev. Herb Peters of Lacombe, Alta., now completing his doctorate work in Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta, accepted a position with the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, for the coming fall. There he will lecture in the field of Educational Psychology and begin a special study on the problem of Indian and Metis education. The summer of 1962 will be spent directly on this problem.

Rev. Peters is a graduate of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, was a pastor at Prince Albert for two years and a missionary among the Hopi Indians in Arizona for six years. While on the mission field he was able to study part time at the Arizona State College, Flagstaff, where he received his M.A.

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

**May 13.** — The M. B. Bible Col-  
lege oratorio choir performing the  
German "Brahms' Requiem," Sat-  
urday at 8:00 p.m. at the Elmwood  
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**June 2 and 3.** — The Manitoba  
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