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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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## Joint Baptismal Service



Three spiritual leaders and eleven baptismal candidates. Left to right, front row: Margaret Braun, Winnie Sullivan, Eva Dyck, Mrs. Tina Arens, Undine Simeonidis, Charlotte Harms, Bonnie Guenther. — Second row: Rudy Willms, city missionary; Kurt Guenther, Steve Brandt, Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of Ft. Rouge M. B. Church; Fred Simeonidis, Gerald Klassen, Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of South End M. B. Church.

By George Derksen

The Fort Rouge and South End M. B. churches in Winnipeg experienced a foretaste of what heaven will be like when they held a joint baptismal service in the South End church on Sunday.

People from all walks of life, great and small, young and old, representing the constituency of these two city churches, crowded into the sanctuary to witness the baptism of the candidates.

Language differences of the two

churches presented no barrier as the vision of John the Apostle on the Island of Patmos appeared in a small way: "After this I beheld, and lo, a multitude of all nations and kindreds and tongues stood before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands and cried with a loud voice: 'salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb'."

Eleven candidates, four from the Fort Rouge Church and seven from the South End were presented for

baptism. They were encouraged in their step of faith by a message delivered by Ft. Rouge Pastor J. J. Toews based on Scripture from Acts chapter eight verses 29 to 40. He said that in order to follow the Biblical pattern baptism must be preceded by the preaching of the Word centred on the Lord Jesus Christ. The second qualification, he said, is that candidates should have experienced a deep faith in their Saviour.

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## Of Mennonites and Music Festivals

By Mr. Peter Klassen, Music Instructor at MBBC

The 43rd annual Manitoba music competition festival was bigger than ever. I don't know whether it was also better than ever because I haven't been in Winnipeg long enough to make proper comparisons. Although the number of competitors at the festival has increased with the years, it seems that the audience attendance has decreased proportionately. This curious state of affairs is hard to explain. If Winnipeg is as musical a city as is often maintained, the lack of audience support at the festival would not seem to bear this out. It may be that everyone is too busy, that the festival has become a routine affair, that too many people prefer to watch TV. Even though the opening night featured the Montreal Bach Choir under the direction of George Little, there seemed to be no increase in the regularly

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are only about 80 years old in the Congo, yet Congo has been one of the most intensively evangelized fields in the world. For a population of 16,000,000, there were over 2,000 evangelical missionaries, or one missionary to 8,000 persons as compared to India with a proportion of one missionary to every 78,000. Including all workers, native and white, Congo has one for each 700 persons while India has one for every 14,000. Thus we see the foresight of God.

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## Ten Baptized and Added to Church

The Niagara M. B. Church held a baptismal service in March at the Vineland M. B. church. Rev. H. H. Voth opened the service with Scripture reading from Luke 9 and prayer. Brother E. Bauman, pastor of the Niagara Church, based his message on Romans 6; 7:1-7, speaking on being united with Christ in; newness of life, newness of service and

newness of love. Rev. J. Pankratz served the candidates with baptism. In the evening the Niagara Church gathered to receive the new members and observe the Lord's Supper. The message was based on I Kings 19:1-9. It was a happy day and we pray that the Church may increase not in numbers only, but also in love and service for Christ.

Holdina Voth



The speaker and the baptismal candidates, front row, left to right: Irene Neudorf, Dianne Dyck, Dolores Klassen, Ruth Pankratz; second row, left to right: Clair Boyda, Robert Thiessen, Arnold Nickel, Fred Mohlman; third row, left to right: Kenneth Petkau, Rev. Edward Bauman, speaker, and Melvin Thiessen.

## The Challenge to the Church in the Congo Today

By Vernon Vogt

The Congo represents one of the greatest challenges of modern missionary history. Continued political upheavals, the extreme nationalism and the absolute conviction that these are equal to any exigencies are only a few of the elements which call for clear thinking, careful planning and full reliance on the definite leading of the Lord of the Harvest.

A study of the missionary effort in the Congo reveals that the Lord has been preparing the church for just such an emergency. Missions

## New Church Dedicated

M. B. Church, (43rd and Prince Edward) Vancouver, B.C. — A large congregation gathered outside the doors of the newly-erected M. B. church at Willingdon St. and Gilpin Ave., Burnaby, B.C., in the afternoon of April 23 to witness the dedication thereof.

When the hour of 2:30 p.m. arrived, Rev. D. B. Wiens read a word of Scripture from Rev. 3:7,8, commented briefly and led in the opening prayer. He then unlocked the doors and they swung open to welcome its new congregation together with many friends and visitors. The ministers led the way, followed by the choir; then the congregation filed in. The church was filled to capacity and many could not be seated. The soft hues, of spring flowers neatly arranged in the front of the church, expressed as it were, a warm welcome from their Creator to all who had entered in.

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## EDITORIAL

### "Mother"

By Rev. Cornelius Wall, teacher at M. B. Bible College

As Mother's Day approaches, one is involuntarily prone to become a little more sentimental. There is something grand, something to be respected, something to be envious about when one ponders the influence of mother. What is it that keeps one peculiarly attached to one's mother? What keeps the heart strings sturdy and strong so that even age is not able to sever the connection? What keeps the memory vivid and alive? It is the God-given and secret reward to mother who gives her all, not once only, but always.

There are many evidences of mother's powerful influence. Many a boy was kept from the path of wickedness and wrong by the dread of bringing tears into his mother's eyes. A saying has it that the boy may have a heart of iron, but his mother can hold him like a magnet. When he (or she) catches the sad look coming from mother's eyes, deep remorse settles upon the son or the daughter who has hurt the tender heart of mother; remorse for causing grief instead of pleasure and joy; remorse for strewing thorns on her path instead of roses.

It is mother who constitutes the soul of the home. Her labours make it the happiest place in the world, the best place for boys and men, as Spurgeon rightly insists. The approving smile makes the tasks only half the chore. Her sense of propriety, her appreciation of the beautiful and becoming, her ability to turn monotonous routine into worthwhile, purposeful occupation makes mother the master of the situation at home. And the neat, orderly, polite, considerate atmosphere of the home is an influence upon the boy and the girl that will go with them and mould their ideals, even though at the moment the youngster may take mother and her labors rather for granted. It is the mother who makes the home,

"... where the weary come  
and lay their burdens down, assured of rest.  
'Tis where we learn to know our dearest best;  
Where little children play, blessing and blest—  
Though walls of coarsest clay enwrap the nest."  
(Fanny S. Reeder)

This day we pay tribute to the MOTHER who willingly accepts the important role of being mother and bears the burden of her position. We salute you as a member of society worthy of all respect and honor.

Mother! Yes, mother! But she, too, lives of the abundance of God's grace. And she, too, is in danger. Instead of taking her assignment out of God's hand from day to day, she may give way to the natural tendency of neglecting the sacred duties of motherhood. It is more enjoyable, perhaps, to leave the children in the care of servants and become involved in social activities. But by such an action and attitude the children are made orphans, even though they have everything their hearts may desire and be clothed in the best of wear. Who but mother is primarily in the position by virtue of which she can awaken and cultivate the sense of duty? How shall this sense be developed unless mother will respond to the child's need and so set an example? What can repair the damage done by the impression the child carries into life that mother did not have time for her own! Who but mother can assume the responsibility of creating in the child the desire to lend a helping hand and to be cooperative in play, thus developing an appreciation for joint projects?

Yes, mothers are human, too. They, too, may fail to heed God's command to set a good example to those about them; be unwise at times in bringing unnecessary discord into the home circle, thus turning it into a battleground instead of letting it be "the father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world." Guilty mother, this is the acceptable day in which you may quietly withdraw and acknowledge the wrong and amend your ways.

Mother! But the grandest sight is to see a good mother be a Christian mother! With her children about her, she constantly seeks to meet the Master and to present her own to Him, repeating the words of Hebrews 2:13: "Behold, I and the children which God hath given me." What greater joy is there for the Christian mother than to be instrumental in helping each one of her own to get right with God. What greater reward is there for her than to see her own boys and girls do well in life, become useful and respectable citizens of the community as well as of the

kingdom of God. What greater blessing could be wished for the Christian mother than that she be enabled with her whole family—not one missing—"with one mind and one mouth to glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 15:6). Most fortunate of all mothers, Mother's Day for you justly is the day of humble and hearty thanksgiving. Rejoice in the Lord, giving Him all honor and glory, for they are due Him! But also enjoy the blessings coming to you as a Christian mother who conscientiously followed the Lord's leading, walked in His path, amended her wrongs in due time, and let Mother's Day mark the conclusion of another year's walk with the Lord.

Mother! There comes the day when, bent with the burden of the years, having blessed every one, even the last one who left the parental "nest," she is left all alone. Some of those whom she bore in her arms may be with the Lord awaiting her, others are out in the world, "testing the excellency of the Christian mother's discipline." But mother knows she is not forgotten, for as she kept faith with her children, so they strew roses on her path, remembering her and standing ready to help in the hour of need. Never forgetting to intercede for her children, regardless of their age, nor to thank God for the many answered prayers, she spends her last days in peace. "And calmer and sweeter will her spirit become, until the gates of life shall lift and pass the worn-out pilgrim into eternal springtide and youth, where the limbs never ache nor the eyes grow dim, and the staff of the exhausted and decrepit pilgrim shall become the palm of the immortal athlete." (Talmage)

Mother of mothers! Let this Mother's Day be a day of triumph for you. Having left all cares and worries to others, you spent another year preparing for the grand meeting face to face with your much-loved Lord and Master. Today you are being remembered as one of the mothers in Christ, who will be remembered long after you were greeted for the last time on Mother's Day.

## 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.)

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To be lukewarm is a very dangerous condition of heart. Some of the lukewarm water had been hot before, but there was also water that had never been hot, likewise a lukewarm Christian has a divided nature; he is neither cold nor hot. This nature is noticeable in his relationship to God Whom he does not love with his whole heart. He has a certain attachment to God because he expects blessings from Him. He pretends to love God, but he fails to love Him under trying circumstances. After the feeding of the 5000, Jesus said to the Jews, "Ye seek me not because ye saw the miracle, but because ye did eat the loaves and were filled" (John 6:24). These people followed the Lord as long as they understood His words, but as soon as they heard His hard sayings, they forsook Him.

The Lord, however, bestowed His love upon us when we were converted. He teaches us to love to such an extent, that we should be willing to sacrifice our life. Out of brotherly love grows the love toward all people, and this is the love which God shed abroad in our hearts. The lukewarm Christian has failed to increase in love and has sunk into a supine state. Instead of

being concerned about a fulness of love he is satisfied with a limited measure, substituting politeness for Christian charity. There is a saying that politeness begins where love ceases. With this conventional behaviour he interprets the aim of Christian ethics. He donates gifts  
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# CHURCH NEWS

## Workshop of "Missionskraenzchen"

Mrs. Betty Suderman  
Ladies' Workshop at South End M. B. Church on the topic "The Spiritual Growth and Development of a Child"

Winnipeg, Man. — Some time ago the members of the South End "Missionskraenzchen" gathered for a workshop on the topic, "The Spiritual Growth and Development of a Child." Since most of the members are either mothers or Sunday school teachers or both, this was a topic of general interest.

Following a short introduction by Elfrieda Duerksen in which she stressed the necessity of beginning spiritual training at a very early age, members were divided into three groups. Margaret Derksen discussed 1 to 4-year-olds with group 1, Elvira Loewen and her group discussed those which are from 5 to 7 years of age, and group 3, under the leadership of Hilda Rempel, concerned themselves with the 8 to 10-year-olds. Following the discussions, a member from each group reported back to the re-assembled members.

Verna Froese reported that group 1 concluded, that children from 1 to 4 years of age are often frustrating to their mothers, because it is so very difficult to get practical Christianity across to them.

## Ft. Rouge Ladies' Auxiliary

Mrs. Dorothy Derksen

The meeting of the Ft. Rouge M. B. Ladies' Auxiliary took place recently in a gala atmosphere as they played hostess to the South End "Kraenzchen," who entertained with a program. Some sixty to seventy South End ladies responded to the invitation given earlier by the Fort Rouge group.

The president of the Ft. Rouge ladies extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Helen Doerksen, president of the "Kraenzchen." All enjoyed the musical items, poetry and Bible reading.

The highlight of the program was a talk given by Mrs. Margaret Regehr, daughter of Missionary A. A. Unruhs. She had chosen as her topic, "My Childhood as a Missionary's Daughter."

During the course of each winter, the ladies' groups count themselves privileged to hear many missionary reports given by missionaries. But it is a rare occasion to hear a talk given by missionary children. Mrs. Regehr's description of life in a rigid boarding school away from parents, occasional hikes in a picturesque setting, and the short, but cherished holidays together with her

For instance, if Bobby throws sand in Jane's face, why can't Jane throw it back at him? However, it was felt that if the Christian mother persists in her efforts, she will see results eventually. When the going gets too rough, she can always get down on her knees and ask God for new wisdom and strength, knowing that He will answer. Seeing mother pray will certainly make a profound impression on the small child. Some conclusions arrived at by this group were: that children should learn to fold their hands during prayer, that they should be taught not to fight (because they love Jesus), and that they should learn to apologize when they have done something wrong. Mrs. Derksen quoted a verse from which all mothers of little children can take courage. "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 9:12).

Ruth Schmidt reported on behalf of group 2 that playmates are a great factor in the life of the 5 to 7-year-olds. Should our children play with the neighbourhood youngsters? How can we prevent it? Rather, it was felt that our children, with proper training in the home, could be a positive influence on other children. They also thought that it was better to have their children bring playmates into their own  
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parents while in India, gave a good insight into the life and problems of missionary children.

Lunch was served while the ladies grouped together to make new acquaintances and exchange ideas on ladies' auxiliary activities, homes, children, etc. The meeting was closed with prayer offered by the pastor's wife, Mrs. J. J. Toews.

Ladies of both groups agreed it had been a profitable evening and felt they should exchange visits more frequently.

The Ft. Rouge M. B. Ladies' Auxiliary, which was organized about eighteen months ago, is under the leadership of Mrs. Hedy Durksen. Approximately thirty ladies belong to the group. Although small in number, the ladies have undertaken to do more than their share in supporting the mission projects of the M. B. ladies for the year. The Auxiliary plans to make the acquaintance with ladies of the different groups in other M. B. churches in the city. For that purpose the South End "Kraenzchen" had been invited.

## New Church Dedicated

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The service commenced with prayer by three appointed brethren, and then our pastor, Rev. D. B.

Wiens, called attention to Psalm 18:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will be glad and rejoice in it." The choir fittingly sang, God's House, Come, Let Us Worship Today."

Brief reports on events leading up to the building of the church, on the work and the financial status were submitted at various intervals throughout the service by Jacob J. Friesen, chairman of the Building Committee, John C. Dyck, superintendent of the Building Project, and John Janzen, treasurer. So as not to make these reports monotonous, Brother Dyck had added an ingredient he called "shortening" to his report, and this served to give it the right texture.

Our guest speakers were Rev. D. Neumann, instructor at the MEI at Clearbrook, B.C., and Rev. C. C. Peters.

Rev. Neumann had chosen for his text John 12:1-11 and his theme, "Bethany, a Dynamic Fellowship Centre." He sought to answer the question: "What makes the church group a fruitful and dynamic centre of fellowship?" As at the scene of Bethany, Jesus must be the centre of fellowship and reference. If the relationship to Him is right in those who serve and contribute to His needs, everything else will fall in line. Even the undermining influence of a 'Judas' will have no effect upon that fellowship.

Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of the neighboring Fraserview Church, conveyed greetings on behalf of his congregation with II Chron. 7:15, 16.

A German message followed. Rev. C. C. Peters spoke on, "The tabernacle of God with man," according to Rev. 17:3. Some prominent thoughts in his message were: God's love is revealed to man by the gospel of the cross; the blood of Jesus Christ is the basis for fellowship; grace can be received only on the ground of humility, and His presence with us shall be our help and protection.

After the four brethren, Rev. Jacob G. Thiessen, Rev. D. B. Wiens, Rev. H. Klassen and Brother Geo. Letkeman, had offered up the dedication prayers, Brother Bill Klassen, choir director, sang a solo, "Bless this House."

Our prayer is that God will bless this house and set it forth as a "blazing torch" in the "wilderness" of Burnaby.

Brother Geo. Letkeman, who was assistant leader in our church, will take on the office of leader in the new church for the present time. Brother Geo. Wiebe, our Sunday school superintendent, will also carry on in this capacity over there.

An evening of praise in song concluded the festivities of the day in the new Willingdon church. A group from Fraserview Church joined with our choir to sing unto the Lord. Rudy Boschman, instructor at Sharon Mennonite Collegiate of Yarrow, spoke on "Why do I sing about Jesus?" Col. 3:16 was his text.

And now, as we stand at the cross-roads, where parting is unavoidable, we know it is only in body. Our spirits are "knit together" in love, and may they remain so until the day when "we shall all be changed, in a twinkling of an eye."

Correspondent,  
Kathryne C. Klein

## Called Home to be with the Lord



It has pleased the Lord our Saviour to call my beloved wife, Lena Huebert (nee Martens) into His eternal heavenly home.

Lena Huebert was born at Spat, Crimea, South Russia, on May 11, 1884. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Kornelius Martens; her father died when she was three years of age. The years of her childhood and youth were very trying because much of her time was spent away from home and also because of a physical ailment to which she could hardly adjust herself.

On October 18, 1892, her mother, who had been a widow for some time, was married to David Huebert, Margenau, Molotschna, Russia.

On February 6, 1906, my beloved Lena accepted Christ as her Saviour, and on May 11, 1907, she was baptized and received as a member in the Rueckenau M. B. Church. On February 25 of the same year, we were united in marriage. Rev. Jacob W. Reimer was the officiating minister. Shortly after our wedding we moved to Alexandertal, where we resided till 1926. During our stay at Alexandertal we had the joy of adopting a son, Henry, and of providing a temporary home to seven of our younger brothers and sisters, who had become orphans at an early age. Lena found great joy, as she served the Lord in this God-given capacity.

On October 28, 1926, we as a family, together with two sisters and one brother, migrated to Canada. Here we settled first at Rush Lake, Sask., then at Sedalia and Tofield, Alberta, and in 1945 at Sardis, B.C. Everywhere we appreciated the fellowship of God's children and their many deeds of kindness.

Our joy was not void of trying experiences. During the closing years of life, my wife had seven

severe operations. Her physical sufferings became the cause of many spiritual struggles. The last nine days of Lena's earthly life were spent in the Chilliwack General Hospital. Here she stated that she was ready to depart and to be with the Lord of Whose presence she was very conscious while she was in the hospital.

On April 23, 1961, the Lord called her home. Our hearts are bleeding, yet we rejoice in our sorrow, knowing that her sufferings have ceased and we shall meet her again when we get to glory. Our consolation is expressed in the words of the prophet: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11).

The departed one has reached the age of 77 years less 17 days.

Left to mourn the death of Lena Huebert are: her husband Heinrich; one son, Henry, with his wife, Katie, and four children: Wilmer, Rudy, Dennis and Brenda of Tofield, Alberta; two sisters: Sarah of Wembley, Alta., and Anna of Stettler, Alta.; three brothers: Johann, Saskatoon, Sask.; Franz, Siberia, Russia, and Gerhard, Winnipeg, Manitoba, with their families and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services on April 27 were held from the Sardis M. B. Church, of which Mrs. Huebert was a member. The first speaker, Rev. Bruno Enns, read the words, "Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light and your days of mourning shall be ended" (Isa. 60:20). He stated that Sister Huebert had placed her hand of faith into the hand of her Saviour, that her sufferings terminated and that she had now reached her goal.

Rev. Rudy Janzen based his message on Job 5:17-26. He emphasized the inevitableness of death, the necessity of being prepared to meet God, the privilege of reaching a full age and the possibility of being taken to the heavenly home in honor. Rev. Janzen made mention of the fact that Sister Huebert had earnestly prayed for others even while she was in her sick-bed in the hospital.

A ladies' choir sang the three German songs, In dem Himmel ist's wunderschön, O suesses Heim, and An dem schoenen goldenen Strand.

The funeral service came to a close after the singing of "Es erglaenzet uns von ferne ein Land," the prayer of Rev. J. B. Harder and the viewing of the departed one. Pallbearers were: David Huebert, Walter Huebert, John Ewert, Peter Ewert, John Kroeker and Peter Dueck.

Rev. Heinrich Unger served at the cemetery. Having read John 16:16-23, he spoke words of comfort as he stressed the words, "A Little While" (John 16:17). He stated that Sister Huebert had loved four things: 1) the Lord Jesus and pray-

er, 2) God's children, 3) the house of the Lord, where she always occupied a regular seat, and 4) the service of the Lord.

Lunch was served in the church basement after the burial service had come to a close.

We are grateful to all who have expressed their sympathy to us, especially in recent times of trial and sorrow. May the Lord reward you for your kindness and love.

The bereaved husband,  
Heinrich Huebert,  
children and relatives

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### G. N. Harder †

Mr. Gerhard N. Harder, 59, of Vineland, Ont., died in a St. Catharines hospital on April 28. Funeral services were held from the Vineland Mennonite Church on May 2. Mr. Harder leaves to mourn his wife, six children and eight grandchildren.

Having come from Russia to Canada in 1924, he has resided first at Arnaud, then at St. Anne, next at Steinbach, Man., and finally in Ontario.

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### Helen Kornelsen †

Miss Helene Kornelsen, 77, of 780 William Ave., Winnipeg, went home to be with the Lord on May 4, from the Concordia Hospital. Funeral services were held from the Central M. B. church on May 6. Thirty-six years ago she came to Canada and she has no close relatives here.

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### Two Elders Ordained

Two ministers were ordained as elders in the Bergthaler church in services conducted during two successive Sundays.

The ordination of Rev. D. D. Klassen, Homewood, Man., took place in the Winkler Bergthaler church on Sunday afternoon, April 30.

The Rev. J. F. Pauls' ordination followed a week later on Sunday, May 7, in the Morden Bergthaler church.

The ordination of the third candidate, Rev. Ernest Wiebe, pastor of the Winnipeg Bergthaler Church, is expected to follow later this summer.

The Bergthaler group consists of about 2300 members and has 20 churches all but two of which are members of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites. These churches are served by 34 ministers and until now by two elders, Rev. David Schulz, Altona, and Rev. J. M. Pauls, Winkler.

At the ordination service of Rev. Klassen, Rev. J. M. Pauls spoke first and then Bishop David Schulz rendered the ordination sermon. The ordination was performed by Bishop Schulz, assisted by Bishop Pauls.

Dr. William Klassen, professor at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary at Elkhart, Ind., spoke in German and then in English. Dr. Klassen is the son of Rev. D. D. Klassen.

Others who spoke briefly were

Bishop Paul Schaefer, Gretna; and Rev. Bernhard Wiebe, Plum Coulee; Rev. H. Poettcker of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College in Winnipeg. The newly-installed bishop spoke, dedicating himself to the new and challenging task. Rev. P. U. Giesbrecht, Homewood, served as chairman. A mass choir from Homewood, Graysville, and Carman sang appropriate songs. Lunch was served in the lower auditorium after the program.

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### To Receive Degree

Mt. Lake, Minn. — Rev. Jacob A. Froese, pastor of the Mountain Lake Mennonite Brethren Church, is to receive the Master of Theology degree from the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Mill City, Calif., on April 28. Rev. Froese has been pastor here since June, 1959.

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### Dr. Friesen's Outstanding Research Work

Dr. Henry J. Friesen, son of Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Friesen of Morden, Man., who is continuing his medical studies in Boston, Mass., USA, has received great recognition for outstanding achievements in his research work. Dr. Friesen presented his findings to conferences of scientists in Washington, D.C., and also in Atlanta, Ga.

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### German Children's Program Presented

Six Winnipeg German Mennonite church schools with 400 to 500 pupils presented a very interesting program in the MBCI auditorium on May 4. Children, parents and friends filled the large auditorium. Songs, plays and many other items of the program were cheerfully presented. An enthusiasm was noticeable among the children as well as in the audience.

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### Bible-Centred Messages and Work

Chilliwack, B.C. — During the month of April it was our pleasure to have two choirs visit our church and proclaim God's Word in song and message.

On April 2, the A Cappella Choir of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, brought the message of the risen Saviour to us.

Two weeks later the Pacific College choir from Fresno, Calif., presented a program consisting of songs, testimonies and a message.

God also called our attention to home and foreign missions. On April 5, Rev. John Reimer gave a report of the work done in our own province of B.C. and showed two films pertaining to missions.

On April 9, Rev. G. W. Peters, Buhler, Kans., opened the service with these words, "I have not come to bring you God's Word but rather

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homes rather than go to the neighbours. This way they could supervise the children's activities and language. And how about those little ditties the children pick up on the street so readily? Replace them by teaching them better ones in the home. Profane language frequently becomes a problem at this age. The children repeat something they have heard outside and often don't even realize that it is profane.

Children of this age love stories, therefore we should read and tell them many Bible stories. They should, however, be told in such a simple way that the child can readily understand.

Conversion was discussed by group 3 that children of ages 8 to if young children claim that they are converted, then the parents should never discourage but rather encourage them and lead them on in their new-found faith.

Betty Suderman reported for group 33 that children of ages 8 to 10 differ widely in their capacities to understand the way of salvation. One mother told how her four and one-half year old daughter had come home from a meeting and said that she had been saved, and how the years had borne out the truth of her statement. Another mother stated that her 8-year-old could not yet understand the way of salvation. All agreed here that we need much wisdom and guidance from above to help our little ones to find Christ.

Group 3 also discussed church discipline and reverence in God's house. Here it was thought that teen-agers were often just as offensive or even more so than their younger brothers and sisters. Members decided that to introduce family pews would provide a very satisfactory solution to this problem. Young children should be under the surveillance of their parents and teenagers do not need to feel "sissy" for sitting with their parents because all their friends should be doing likewise. In the matter of reverence the ladies believed that parents must teach by setting a good example.

Christian camps, it was said, provided excellent spiritual food for children.

Finally Sunday school homework was discussed. Should children be made responsible for having their Sunday school work done? Mothers and Dads should take the time to sit down with their children and do it together. As children of this age still enjoy "doing things" with their parents, it would make Sunday school work a more enjoyable experience for them. That memory verse should be learned on Monday and repeated each night, not just once on Saturday night.



## The Cause of Foreign Missions

### News About Some of Our Missionaries

**Elsie Kroeker** has completed a period of Spanish language study in Costa Rica, but her departure for Quito, Ecuador, was delayed by an infection. She was not expected to leave before mid-May. Let us pray for her complete recovery and early entrance into the medical and radio work in Quito.

The total number of missionaries serving under boards and agencies affiliated with the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association is 5,586, which is a new high. Our Board of Missions is one of them. Mission executives meeting for the 16th annual EFMA convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., April 11-14 heard Rev. David Adeney, Far East secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, declare that foreign missions today must find a way to reach the teeming millions of young people who have been swept up in great social, economic and political changes. He recommended that missionaries give close attention to encouraging Christian university students to carry on an effective witness on their campuses.



Katy Siemens

**Katy Siemens** of the Gem Church in Alberta is preparing to return to India this summer for her second term of missionary service in the educational program. She will serve at the Kodaikanal missionary children's school and in our Bruton home for our missionary children until the assignment for missionary teachers in the new India program has been further clarified by the administration of the India field. Sister Siemens has studied at Tabor College during the past school year and will be graduated with the A.B. degree this month. Our prayers in behalf of Sister Siemens as she prepares to return to India will be appreciated.

The India missionaries are now in the Nilgiri Hills at Kodaikanal to

escape the intense heat in the valley. Besides that, the retreat offers them an opportunity for spiritual and social fellowship as well as time with their children of school age. Most of the children spend the major part of the year in the Union Mission School at that place.

The sisters, Mrs. Ted Fast and Mrs. Henry G. Krahn, who have not yet fully recovered their physical strength, are committed to the intercession of the churches.

**A. A. Unruhs** should have arrived in British Columbia by this time to begin their furlough after another successful term on the India field.

Prayer is also requested for the Paul Hieberts who were to take their first-year language examinations in the early part of May.

**Martha Kroeker** arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica, April 27. The following morning she took a language aptitude test in preparation for study of Spanish which she will be using in her assignment in Colombia.

**Dr. E. W. Schmidt** stopped in Hillsboro May 5 enroute home from the Congo. Brother Schmidt has been serving in a government hospital in the Congo since last fall.

**A. J. Neufelds** have located in Frankfurt, Germany, and are living in temporary quarters because of the unavailability of adequate quarters. They are prayerfully seeking for a building to be purchased for headquarters for the work in Europe.

**Cornellus Balzers** will be returning to Canada in August to make arrangements to serve in Europe on a more permanent basis. The Balzers, who are members of the North Kildonan Church in Winnipeg, originally went to Europe as students and then entered our work on the continent. After several months in Canada, they plan to return to the work in Europe in late fall.

**P. V. Balzers** wrote from East Pakistan on April 24 that they are enroute to America on the cargo boat, Hoegh Cliff, which is a very slow way of travelling. This, they write, gives them much time for meditation and prayer especially also for the greatly-loved people of India among whom they spent their lives. Since they are going by way of the Pacific, the captain estimates that the boat will not reach Los Angeles until around June 9.

### Challenge in the Congo (Continued from page 1-4)

Politically, the picture is more hopeful in some ways, and at the same time more distressing. Hopeful, in that leaders of the various factions have been able to sit down at the same table to discuss their several ambitions and aims and arrive at some sort of a compromise. This already reveals a measure of political maturity which was so sadly lacking 10 months ago. Congo, which originally consisted of six provinces, has now been carved into anywhere from 25 to 30 small areas each headed by a particular political leader or by a strong tribal faction. Although this may seem to solve some problems, it nevertheless opens a flood gate of new difficulties such as setting of boundaries, establishment of new seats of government, finding ways and means to pay for multiplied government officials (who all demand fabulous wages) and the protection of minority groups. In all of this we see the predicament of a politically immature people who have been given independence for which they have not sacrificed, and to most of them independence is still a mystery. In the words of one disillusioned old chief who saw only the ruin of all the good things he had enjoyed before: "We asked for independence, complete and immediate and all we got was death, slow, but sure!"

Naturally all of this has had a profound effect on the national church. The white man, who for years had been the administrator and a strong source of spiritual advice and financial security to the native leaders was gone. Now suddenly the church was on its own to regulate its affairs, exercise discipline, plan for future expansion and evangelistic outreach, divide and apportion subsidy moneys from the homeland, and search for ways and means to make these funds do all the things they wanted them to do.

Although services and other things continued as "usual," there was a great vacuum. Thus they were really glad to see the missionaries return to take up their positions of responsibility. However, this was also not as expected. We had determined not to reassume the places of direction and administration as formerly and this was interpreted in some quarters as a rejection and denial of our obligations. However, as the months passed, as schools reopened under Congolese direction, as church conferences and business sessions were conducted even without missionaries present, baptisms conducted and souls added to the church, tithes gathered and applied to the church work, the Congolese church leaders suddenly realized that during the long years of association and tutelage under the missionaries, they had been learning many lessons of which they had not been so keenly aware. Praise God, the years of missionary activity have and are bearing fruit as faith-

ful pastors and elders are shouldering the burden of the work and are attempting to carry on under God's direction. But continued prayer support is absolutely essential to the continued growth of the national church.

Then the question may arise: Why the pain, difficulty and sacrifice of breaking up families in order for missionaries to return? There are still avenues of service open to us which cannot as yet be filled by national workers, like the work of Henry Derksen, who has assumed the responsibility of representing our mission to the government. This entails innumerable letters, voluminous reports and occasional trips to Leopoldville to get the latest directives clarified or to get further directions in these confused days. He is also responsible for the teaching of religious education classes in the public schools of Kikwit. This is a tremendous challenge to try to firmly ground these future leaders of the Congo in the things of the Word of God.

Orville Wiebe has been charged with the over-all direction of the elementary school system of our mission. This entails much traveling to the various stations. To qualify for government subsidies, the school teachers must maintain certain scholastic standards. This entails considerable supervision and even criticism on the part of Brother Wiebe and makes his task very difficult since these nationals feel very strongly about being subjected to criticism, especially from whites. The over-payment of the teachers, at least in proportion to the rest of the population, has tended to make them feel overly important and has caused some feeling of insubordination to the control of the governing body of the church. Pray for Brother Wiebe in his tasks and for the teachers that they will have a real feeling of spiritual responsibility as well as a burden for the education of their fellow Congolese.

One of the most effective means of propagating the gospel is the radio ministry. Arnold Prieb has been very active in preparing tapes to be played weekly over the provincial radio station plus beginning to work on programs to be aired daily over ELWA from Monrovia, Liberia. This means of getting out the Word is one of the best methods available to us in the Congo as it can be done without the white stigma attached to it. Singing is universal and native speakers are used for the messages. This ministry is worthy of our best efforts in prayer and financial support at this critical time.

George Fauls still live in Leopoldville since it is not yet feasible for women and children to be placed in the interior. Brother Faul is at the present engaged in teaching religion in the public schools in Leopoldville. This is a very needful ministry, but is difficult since younger

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## THE Young Observers

Hello Girls and Boys,

"Behold thy mother" (John 19:27).

This is Mother's Day. We, too, want to love and cherish our Mother as Jesus did. Look at Jesus on the cross! His head crowned with thorns, His back bleeding, His hands and feet pierced with nails, His tongue parched, and the sins of the world upon His shoulders! Yet Jesus took the time to stop and give thought to His mother. He tenderly placed her in the care of the disciple whom He loved.

Your mother loves you tenderly. There are hundreds of things that she does for you that you probably never realize. Let us take time on this special day to thank her for her prayers and work and love. And may we all show Mother and Dad honor, love and obedience at all times.

I have been asked to write about my family. Come, and I will introduce you to them.

Hildegard starts the day bright and early. She is in Grade IX at the MBCI and must leave at 7:30 to catch her bus. She really tiptoes around softly, but Gerald, her faithful "shadow" (he will be three in a few weeks), always manages to hear her. In half a wink he is out of his crib. He follows her wherever she goes, until she leaves.

Right after breakfast our house is filled with music. Our twelve-year-old daughter, Karin, practises her violin for half an hour. At present she is preparing for her Grade VI violin exam in June. During lunch time she plays again. How I wish you could trudge into our house then. Gerald always calls out, "Let's march!" There they go around the table and chairs while she plays, "Oh Susanna." Off he goes to sleep, and I have a few hours of peace and quiet. Then I write my letter to you, or sew. If it is Tuesday or Saturday, Karin dashes off to sing in the Children's Gospel Light Hour choir. This is her fourth year

### Dear Young Readers of the Mennonite Observer,...

Since we are to observe Mother's Day on May 14, we thought of introducing to you Aunt Helen and her family. The picture on this page

and the article written by Aunt Helen upon our request indicate that Mrs. Doerksen is a mother of three children. In spite of her many duties Mrs. Doerksen takes time every week to write an article for girls

and she is one of the bigger ones in the choir by now. (Hildegard sang for three years.) We are very thankful for this opportunity of service. The girls have learnt many beautiful hymns and choruses. On Wednesdays, Hildegard is the busy one. She has piano lessons (Grade VIII) and goes to church to play for the junior choir.

My husband teaches History in High School. He enjoys it very much. The girls' favorite subject is Social Studies too. For a while it seemed that we had Cartier for breakfast and Champlain for supper. But Gerald doesn't like to hear about Canadian explorers yet. He much prefers to explore kitchen cupboards and drawers.

And I am the housewife (formerly a teacher) who tries to keep everything running smoothly. My prayer is that I might daily strive to bring up my family in the nurture and admonition of God, and that I might be a blessing to others.

Love, Aunt Helen

## The Boy Who Borrowed a Mother

Tommy Davis sat in his Sunday school class and listened while his teacher told them that next Sunday was Mother's Day and that not a boy was to come without his mother.

"But what if she can't come?" one boy asked.

"Then you must do a little extra work on Saturday, so she won't have so much to do. How many of you think that is a good plan?"

Every hand went up in a hurry. "All right," smiled the teacher, "I'm going to see if you remember that."

On the way home, all the boys talked and made plans about how they would get their mothers to

come—all but Tommy. Tommy had no mother. It seemed to him a long, long time since she had died. He lived with his aunt, but she was Harold's mother. Harold would take her to Sunday school.

As Tommy wandered along, he wondered what he would do. Then he thought of such a good plan that he almost laughed out loud. He could hardly wait for tomorrow to try it. The next morning he surprised their neighbor, Mrs. Archer, by walking in and getting right down to business.

"Say," he began, "have you some work I could help you do next Sunday morning?"

"You wouldn't work on Sunday, would you?" she asked.

"I—I—mean Saturday," said Tommy.

"Do you want to earn some money?"

"No'm," replied Tommy. "I don't need any money. I—mean—I don't need much money."

"What is it then?"

"I need a mother to take to Sunday school, because next Sunday is Mother's Day. My teacher told me to be sure and bring one."

"And—you haven't any mother."

"No'm. That's why I want to help you do your work so you can go. That's what she said to do—my teacher, you know."

"Well, Tommy, why do you want me?"

"Because," said Tommy truthfully, "I never saw you go. I thought maybe you would this once."

"Tommy, you make me ashamed," she told him. "Well, you could come around here Saturday morning and I'll see if I can't find something for you to do."

"And can I take you to Sunday school?"

"Bless your heart, yes."

"Thank you," said Tommy. "I'll be here early."

"If your aunt doesn't need you," she said.

"Oh, Harold's going to help her," Tommy answered. "She is his mother, you know."

Tommy ran home very proud and happy. All the week he thought of things to do on Saturday. When

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This picture shows the following: Mr. John George Doerksen; Mrs. Helen Doerksen; Hildegard Helen at the right; Karin Irene, at the left, and little John Gerald at the centre.

## Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(36th Installment)

Little did they realize how far-reaching their decisions were to be in their lives. Our heavenly Father mercifully holds the key to our future in his hand, and as He opens the door and bids us enter, His arm is there to strengthen and support us. His love encircles and enfolds us and will not let us go.

There was a great gathering on the shore of the Southdown beach on that memorable Sunday afternoon, and as Margaret Brandon stood on the fringe of the crowd watching, with little David at her side, her heart was full of gratitude and joy. The weather was perfect for an open-air service. The sun was shining from a cloudless sky, as blue as the sea with which it blended on the hazy horizon. There was a soft breeze blowing in from the water, sufficient to carry the message that was being told forth in music and song and story through the length and breadth of the town. There was not a hitch in the conducting of the meeting; everything seemed to be going exactly according to plan. The Christians in the district had rallied strongly to their support, and those who had gathered to listen were quiet and attentive. Mrs. Brandon was proud of her husband as he stood in the centre of the group, proclaiming with such conviction the truths that were so dear to his heart. And what joy to see the children with him! There was Pauline helping so wholeheartedly with the music and Robert leading a vigorous group of school-boys he had gathered from among his classmates. One day, she hoped, the mantle of his father's calling would fall on Robert's shoulders. And what part would little David eventually play in the divine plan, she wondered. As she heard his clear, childish voice at her side, joining so lustily in the singing of the hymns that he knew, she was glad she had brought him with her. He was enjoying it so much, and her heart warmed as she listened to him on the old familiar words:

"Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so. . ."

Suddenly a voice interrupted her thoughts: "Mrs. Brandon!"

Turning quickly, she found herself face to face with none other than Mrs. Norwood.

Margaret Brandon's face registered surprise, but she quickly concealed it behind a friendly greeting and a pleasant smile. "Oh, Mrs. Norwood, it's so nice to see you."

Thelma Norwood did not appear to be at ease. "I don't intend to stay," she said. "I only want to see you, Mrs. Brandon. That's why I'm here."

Margaret Brandon looked mysti-

fied. "Oh, can I do anything for you, Mrs. Norwood?"

"No, it's not that." Mrs. Norwood came a step nearer. "I want to talk to you about tonight."

"Tonight?"

"Yes, it's the church business meeting tonight, you know."

Mrs. Brandon nodded. It was also the opening of the Mission, but she hadn't mentioned that. Mrs. Norwood hadn't spoken to her for weeks. Why did she seek her out so urgently now?

"There's going to be trouble, I'm afraid," Thelma Norwood continued confidentially. "Trouble for you, I mean."

The pastor's wife gave a wry smile. "Well, that wouldn't be entirely unexpected, Mrs. Norwood."

"No, but it's so unnecessary!" The other woman sighed impatiently. "If your husband would only be reasonable, Mrs. Brandon."

Margaret Brandon stiffened. "My husband must be true to his calling, Mrs. Norwood. He must be obedient to the will of God as he sees it."

"Yes, but where do you come in? After all, he's not the only one who will suffer if he keeps on the way he's going. He should think of his wife and children!"

Mrs. Brandon shook her head. "I'm afraid you don't understand, Mrs. Norwood," she answered quickly. "My husband and I are in complete agreement in everything connected with his work. We talk over things together and pray about them together, and when he is convinced that the Lord is leading, I never question his decision."

"But what is going to happen to you and the children if your husband is forced to resign from his position as pastor of the church here, Mrs. Brandon? That's what you have to worry about!"

Margaret Brandon smiled. "I'm not worrying, Mrs. Norwood."

"Well, it might surprise you to know that I am!" There was a ring of sincerity in Mrs. Norwood's words, a note of concern which Mrs. Brandon did not understand. "We haven't always seen 'eye to eye' since you came to Southdown Grove, but I'm a wife and mother myself, and I can't help thinking of you."

"Please don't worry about any of us, Mrs. Norwood!" Margaret Brandon broke in quickly. "The Lord has always provided for us in the past, and we are quite prepared to trust Him now, whatever happens at Southdown Grove."

Thelma Norwood began to move away. "Well, of course, if that's the attitude you take, Mrs. Brandon, no one can help you. But at least I've tried."

"Have you, Mrs. Norwood?"

There was enough of surprise or even reproach in the question which set Thelma Norwood on the defensive, but she tried hard to conceal the uneasy stirring of a long-stifled conscience.

"Indeed, I have!" she declared with some spirit. "I've put myself out to come and see you today, for one thing."

Mrs. Brandon took a deep breath. "Really, Mrs. Norwood, I don't understand why you should have come—why you should be so—Oh!" she cried, suddenly realizing that her son had disappeared. "Where's David?"

"David?" echoed Mrs. Norwood, lifting her eyebrows. "You don't mean to say you brought that child down here, Mrs. Brandon!"

Margaret Brandon, her heart filled with a sudden apprehension, ignored the implications of the remark as her eyes wandered anxiously over the crowd. "He was here beside me. You must have seen him, Mrs. Norwood."

"I'm afraid I didn't. You see, I wouldn't expect to see the child here."

"If you will excuse me, Mrs. Norwood, I must find him!"

Mrs. Brandon gave a casual shrug. "Your chances of finding him in this crowd are slim, Mrs. Brandon. Besides, in my opinion this is no place for children!"

Of course this was scant comfort for Margaret Brandon, who paused uncertainly on the edge of the crowd. Where was the child, she kept asking herself? Why had he wandered away? She had never known David to do such a thing. He couldn't have gone very far in such a short time. She hadn't spoken to Mrs. Norwood very long, he must be about somewhere.

But Margaret Brandon's apprehension grew as her anxious eyes failed to locate the little fellow. Where could he be? He could have tried to make his way to the centre of the crowd where his father was preaching. But that was not very likely, she decided, as he had been quite content to remain at her side until Mrs. Norwood had claimed her attention. Anyway, she couldn't find out whether he was there without disturbing the meeting and distracting attention from what her husband was saying to the large crowd. And that was the last thing she wanted to do. She would have to wait until the meeting was over.

The minutes passed and Margaret Brandon became more and more uneasy. Unable to pay attention to what was going on, she began to move about among the people as inconspicuously as possible, ceaselessly seeking to catch a glimpse of her missing child. But all to no purpose. There was not the slightest trace of him. An awful foreboding gripped her. What if something had happened to him.

"Mrs. Brandon!" She felt a hand on her shoulder and a voice said, "If you're looking for little David—"

Someone in the crowd had noticed her anxiety and was trying to help. "I saw him on the beach not so very long ago."

"Oh, thank you!"

In mingled relief and dismay, Margaret Brandon turned and hurried off in the direction of the beach. She began a frantic, fruitless search along the beach, her feet like lead as she tried to hurry over the heavy drifts of sand, calling for her little boy in the hope that her voice might reach him, although she could hear nothing but the ominous echo from the sea.

She searched long and far until she reached an agitated crowd gathered around a small, wet figure of a child lying on the sand. And by her motherly intuition she knew that her search had come to an end.

The crowd tried to hold her back, but she forced her way through, and falling to her knees with a cry of anguish, she gathered the lifeless figure into her arms. "Oh, David—David! My darling!" she cried.

But there was no response as she held him to her heart, and an awful sense of tragedy overwhelmed her as she looked dumbly to the people around her for an explanation.

Nobody could say how the tragedy had happened. One of the men had come from the pier to do some fishing and had seen the little boy in the water. The alarm had been given and the child quickly brought to shore, but all efforts to revive him had so far failed. It appeared to be more than a case of drowning. There was a nasty wound on his head as though he had struck a rock or some sharp, protruding object. The first-aid team on the beach had done all they could and were now waiting for the doctor and ambulance to arrive.

It seemed an interminable wait, but eventually the ambulance arrived and Margaret Brandon and her precious burden were hastily escorted to the waiting vehicle. But something in her heart told her that there was no need to hurry. She did not voice it, but she knew. David was dead.

### CHAPTER XXI

#### "WHICH HOPE WE HAVE . . ."

There were many theories as to the underlying factors in the sudden tragedy that had struck the pastor's family and which had left Southdown stunned and shocked.

If little David Brandon had drowned, that would have been tragedy enough, although Southdown was not unfamiliar with such a sad event, for from time to time the sea did claim some victims. But in this case the doctor's verdict was that the child had died from injuries received while falling into deep water at the end of Southdown pier. Probably the fall had stunned him and he had been unable to save himself or call for help. The help had come too late.

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# MCC News & Notes

## Paraguay Farmers to Receive Lifestock



Left to right: Norman Shenk, Secretary of the Lancaster Conference Relief and Service Committee; Irvin D. Weaver, who accompanied the shipment; John Hostetler, MCC material aid administrator; and unidentified boy. The calf is being flown to Paraguay Mennonite colonists by Lancaster County Mennonites.



A shipment of calves to the Chaco Mennonite colonies through the MCC Experimental Farm in Fernheim Colony, Paraguay. The calves were contributed by farmers of Lancaster County through the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities. Left to right: John Hostetler, MCC material aid administrator; Samuel Keens, trucker, and Henry Shenk, who accompanied the shipment.

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — A plane load of livestock given by Lancaster County farmers to Mennonite colonists in Paraguay left Lancaster on May 1 and is scheduled to fly from Miami on May 5. The livestock consists of 18 six-months old bull calves donated by local farmers and 30 two to three months old pigs purchased with contributed cash.

The shipment is an MCC project made possible by the Relief and Service Committee of the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and

Charities. Norman Shenk, secretary of the committee, was responsible for coordinating contributions of the animals. Henry E. Shenk and Irvin D. Weaver will accompany the livestock to Paraguay. Air freight costs are being paid by the US government.

The calves and pigs will be distributed to farmers in the Chaco Mennonite colonies through the Experimental Farm in Colony Fernheim. This project is part of a livestock improvement plan in the col-

onies. With the completion of the Trans-Chaco Roadway, the colonists will have a better means of marketing dairy products.

## Peace Section Sponsors Seminar on Government

Washington, D.C. (MCC) — Approximately 30 representatives of Mennonite groups met here April 27-29 for a Peace Section-sponsored seminary on "Our National Government and the Christian Witness." The seminar sought to study the proper relation of the individual Christian and the Christian church to government.

Specific objectives of the seminar were to observe at first hand the nature, functions and processes of our government and to learn about the witness of other Christian groups to government. Attention was given to specific current issues in government and to moral problems involved in political decision-making.

Representatives of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the National Association of Evangelicals, and the National Council of Churches discussed the relationship of their organizations to government. Among the speakers from the national government were General Lewis B. Hershey of Selective Service and John Brademas, Congressman from Indiana.

## Challenge in Congo

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men are not so much interested in religion. They want other courses more and their interest needs to be awakened to the far-reaching profits to be derived from a study of God's Word.

The work of the Fehderaus has been adequately covered in previous issues and will not be enlarged upon here. The medical work which Dr. Ernest W. Schmidt and I have been doing has been both rewarding and frustrating. Having to work with nationals, who make very little allowance for advanced training and experience, has been a very "enlightening" experience. This is their interpretation of full equality. They have been willing to accept our ability to operate and treat the more difficult cases, but they have been very adverse to medical supervision which is so necessary to make the most effective use of the facilities and medicines. However, our willingness to return and assist in this phase of their life has won much good will for the cause of Protestant missions.

As to the future, it would take an inspired prophet to predict. Having labored faithfully in the past, the missionaries have left the Congo church a legacy of the gospel, a strong educational set-up and a heritage of sound evangelical doctrine. However, accepting the fact

that well-trained leadership is not yet a reality, we must acknowledge the indisputable fact that this turn of events has come only through God's permissive will with a definite purpose to put the national church on its own feet. And we must trust Him to call out of its ranks consecrated workers, able to direct the Congolese Church in these days of perplexity and lead them forward to greater victories for Christ in the future. Our responsibility as a mission will be not to lead and direct but to keep available qualified missionary personnel from whom the national church leaders can draw technical assistance, spiritual advice and Christian strength.

Prayer is still a prime requisite for the ultimate success of this phase of the establishment of the Congolese Church, prayer for the missionaries that they can humbly and graciously submit to taking a secondary role during the subsequent growth of the church, and prayer for the Congolese Christians that they may experience a purifying and empowering of the Holy Spirit to adequately take their proper place in the emerging Congo.

## A Borrowed Mother

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Saturday came, he ran to Mrs. Archer's house, she seemed glad to see him. He cleaned the basement, swept the porch and walk, and went with Mrs. Archer to the grocer's to help carry the provisions.

When they came back, she baked a cake and let him scrape the bowl.

"Did your own mother let you scrape it sometimes?" she asked.

"Aunt Elizabeth does," replied Tommy. "I have half, and Harold has half. I can't remember Mother much."

"I think you were five when she died," said Mrs. Archer.

"And now I'm eight. It's a long time."

When the work was finished, she gave Tommy a quarter. "But I didn't want to be paid," he began.

"That isn't pay," she told him. "Take it to Sunday school. Mothers do give their boys something to put in, don't they?"

"Oh, yes'm. Thank you. I'll be here early."

The next morning Tommy walked proudly into Sunday school with his borrowed mother and sat beside her until it was time to go to class. A lady near him noticed that he wore two flowers, and asked why.

"The white one is for my dead mother and the red one is for my borrowed mother," explained Tommy.

"I'm going to let Tommy borrow me every Sunday after this," promised Mrs. Archer.

"Oh, my," said Tommy, "won't it be great!" —Brethren Evangelist

From Salvation Army's publication "The Congo Soldier"

# NEWS from HERE and THERE

## New English Bible

Publishers of the New English Bible announced that within two weeks after publication, the new translation was on the best-seller lists on both sides of the Atlantic. Almost 1,000,000 copies were sold on the publication date.

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## Ancient Dead Sea Scrolls Found

An amateur archaeologist has discovered a new hoard of Dead Sea Scrolls that scholars believe may surpass in importance anything uncovered so far in Israel and Jordan. Relating to the period of the last of the Jewish revolts against the Romans in the second century, the find includes 70 fragile documents which had not yet been unrolled, metal tools, coins, and dozens of skeletons.

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## Bible in Japan

The Bible maintained its position as Japan's non-fiction best-seller in 1960, with sales of Scripture volumes totaling 1,886,909. Bible sales in Japan are second only to those in the United States, where sales of Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions surpass 10,000,000 annually.

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## First Spaceman of U.S.

**Cape Canaveral, Florida.** — The United States' first spaceman, Alan Shepard, rocketed briefly across the threshold of space Friday, May 5, and landed safely after a 5,100-mile-an-hour journey that carried him 115 miles high and 302 miles down range.

The pickup occurred at 9:53 a.m. (CDT), 19 minutes after the Redstone booster rocket blasted off from Cape Canaveral at 9:34 a.m.

The 37-year-old navy commander radioed back that he could see the outline of the entire east coast of the United States. Through the rest of the journey he said everything was "O.K."

Ships, planes and helicopters raced to make the recovery of the astronaut when his cabin plopped into the water.

The successful shot put the United States back into the space race with Russia. Soviet scientists coped the first big prize 23 days ago when they boosted the world's first space traveller, Yuri Gagarin, into a 188-mile-high orbit and returned him to earth 108 minutes later.

This suborbital shot did not match the Russian achievement but was a major step toward orbiting an American, which the National Space Agency plans to do later this year.

Shepard's space flight has cost

the United States \$400 million. That figures out to \$2.25 for each of the 180,000,000 men, women and children in the U.S. Putting a man into orbit will cost more. The price tag for sending a man to the moon has been estimated at up to \$40,000,000,000 or more, about \$225 per person.

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## Mr. Nixon Speaks

Speaking in favor of a Kennedy-Khrushchev meeting, former U.S. Vice-President Richard Nixon said, "It would be helpful if Khrushchev saw he is dealing with a man whose failure to act in Cuba and Laos does not mean he will allow the United States to be pushed around. Mr. Kennedy is the only one who can tell him."

Earlier Mr. Nixon said, "The lesson of Laos, the lesson of Cuba is this: We must never talk bigger than we are prepared to act. When our words are strong and our actions timid, we end up appearing aggressive and weak at the same time."

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## Joint Baptismal Service

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Obedience to the Lord's command was followed by Winnie Sullivan, Eva Dyck, Margaret Braun and Steve Brandt of Fort Rouge, and Bonnie Guenther, Charlotte Hamm, Undina Simeonidis, Mrs. Tina Harms, Fred Simeonidis, Kurt Guenther and Gerald Klassen of South End.

The baptism was followed by the Lord's Supper, after which the candidates were welcomed into their respective churches as members.

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# YOUTH IN ACTION

## Area Song Festival at Reedley

Reedley, Calif. — A 150-voice choir under the direction of Paul Ratzlaff of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles was the highlight of the annual Mennonite Brethren Area Song Festival held in the Reedley Mennonite Brethren church on Sunday evening, May 7.

The program included sacred selections by choirs and male choruses from the Mennonite Brethren churches of Fresno, Reedley and Dinuba.

Another interesting feature of the program was a 100-voice mass male chorus directed by Larry Martens, an instructor at the Orosi High School.

## Winning Music Festival Scholarship

By Ella Cressman

Kitchener, Ont. — Mrs. Lois Snyder of Hespeler, Ont., was awarded the \$100 scholarship in the church soloist class at the Waterloo County Music Festival held in Kitchener the week of April 24.

Mrs. Snyder is the former Lois Buckwalter, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Buckwalter of Hesston, Kans. Her husband is Rev. John Snyder, manager of the Golden Rule Book Store in Kitchener and pastor of the Mennonite Church, Bloomingdale, Ont. Before her marriage, Mrs. Snyder taught at Rockway Mennonite school and organized its first school chorus.

This year, under the direction of Glen Rudy, the Rockway Mennonite School choir sang during the choirs program. Of the 14 church choirs who sang, the one from Rockway Mennonite School was chosen to sing at the festival's concluding concert by winning competitors held on Saturday following the week-long music festival.

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be held on the Goshen College campus, Goshen, Ind., July 10-14. Sponsored jointly by the editorial departments of the General Conference Mennonite Church and the (Old) Mennonite Church. The conference will provide instruction, inspiration and fellowship for persons interested in writing.

Robert W. Root, head of the Religious Journalism Department, School of Journalism, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., will have charge of four periods on article writing and two periods on adult fiction writing. Instructor in news writing will be Willard Roth, editor of "Youth's Christian Companion" Scottsdale, Pa.

Elaine Sommers Rich, well-known author and poet, North Newton,

Kans., will have charge of two sessions on devotional writing and two sessions on writing poetry. Elizabeth A. Schowalter, Scottsdale, former editor of "Words of Cheer" and writer of curriculum materials for juniors, will instruct juvenile fiction writing.

The daily devotional period will be conducted by Millard C. Lind, professor of New Testament at Goshen College Biblical Seminary. Special evening features will be addresses by Erland Waltner, president of Mennonite Biblical Seminary; Martin E. Marty, associate editor of "The Christian Century;" and Robert W. Root.

Registration fee is \$5.00. Lodging can be secured from Goshen College for \$5.00 for four nights, meals will be \$1.75 a day. Interested persons should write to the Board of Education and Publication, General Conference Mennonite Church, 722 Main Street, Newton, Kans., or to Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, Pa.

## 'Crusaders' Businessmen Join Tokyo Crusade Team

Nearly 50 businessmen from all parts of North America have joined a unique laymen's participation plan for the May 6 to June 5 Tokyo Christian Crusade in Japan's largest auditorium, the 10,000-seat Meiji Auditorium.

Called "Crusaders," these American men of various professions have bought their own round-trip plane fare to Tokyo, most have contributed the pre-determined figure of \$2,170 to the Crusade and all have agreed to spend at least one week in Tokyo contacting Japanese businessmen in professions like their own to seek to win them for Christ. The Crusaders will be largely responsible for bringing prominent Japanese in high positions of economic and political leadership to the nightly Crusade meetings.

The Crusaders scheduled to participate in the month-long meetings in the world's largest city represent such professions as: manufacturing, sales, teaching, office managing, medical, dental and chiropractic practices, brokerage, farming, engineering and numerous phases of the retailing business.

Recruitment for the Crusaders began in September, 1960, at the first announcement of the mammoth Tokyo Crusade—largest single evangelistic outreach in Japan's century of Protestant missions. The meetings are sponsored by World Vision, Inc., a missionary service organization headquartered in Pasadena, Calif. Dr. Bob Pierce, founder-president, is the Crusade evangelist.

Larry Burr, coordinator of World Vision's Deputation Department, has served also as coordinator of the Crusaders program from its beginning. He is currently in Tokyo

laying the groundwork for contacts by the Crusaders as they arrive there during each week of the Crusade.

## Mennonites and Music Festivals

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sparse crowd associated with opening nights at the festival. A further curious circumstance which occurred repeatedly was that of seeing many competitors coming in time for their own competition and then leaving immediately after the adjudication—as if staying for other classes were a waste of time.

The competition festival certainly has its place in the training of musicians. The festival represents a kind of examination held in public before skillful examiners and a critical public, whereby all persons present can learn valuable facts connected with musical performance generally. It is important that these adjudications be taken in the right spirit by both the performers and the public. One should always keep in mind that in the final analysis much depends on the personal opinion of the adjudicator. It were wise for a performer to participate in a number of festivals in order to receive criticisms from several adjudicators.

It seems that with the passing of the years participation by Mennonites in the festival is increasing. The local high schools have acquitted themselves with distinction, and the Winkler Collegiate Choir has performed at the Winnipeg festival again this year. The Mennonite Children's Choir under the direction of Mrs. Litz continues to give outstanding performances, as

have the other children's choirs as Sunday school choirs. Thus far the various church choirs have not participated in the festival to any considerable extent.

A number of solo vocal classes, both A and B, were dominated by Mennonite singers. Many of these classes were won by Mennonites, or else they were clustered near the top. In the two Lieder classes all 14 competitors were Mennonites. Mr. Bill Thiessen, a student at the CMBC, won the Tudor Bowl, highest award for soloists in the B classes. In the finals for the Rose Bowl six of the twelve singers were Mennonites, namely, John Klassen, Abe Friesen, Viola Falk, Bill Baerg, Margaret Pauls, and Nick Kaethler (all students of Victor Martens). The adjudicator on one occasion made special mention of the contributions which Mennonites were making to the festival as such.

A number of students participated in the instrumental classes and achieved fine results. Since Winnipeg possesses some very fine teachers, the competition in these classes is usually very severe. Special mention should be made of Wanda Konrad, who competed in the finals for the Aitken's Memorial Trophy (as violinist); Glenn Loewen from Steinbach, who won the Concerto I class for piano; Irmgard Braun and Irene Doerksen from MBBC, and others.

From the foregoing it will have become evident that the Mennonites have taken a real interest in festival competitions, and what is true of Winnipeg can also be said of other places across Canada. These competitions provide excellent opportunities for improving the technical aspects of musical performance, as well as providing opportunities for competitors to perform for audiences under the most trying circumstances. The Christian, however, should not perform for mere personal glory or public acclaim. He performs for the honour and glory of God, and is interested in using what talents he possesses to serve his Master. Nevertheless, it is good for any servant in any capacity to have a fairly accurate estimate of how well he is doing what he is attempting to do, and for this purpose the music competition festival serves as a useful standard of technical achievement. Participation in the festival is another example of how a Christian makes use of a "secular" study in order to increase the effectiveness of his ultimate "Christian" witness.

And so to all the competitors who did so well at the festival we offer our congratulations and wish you further successes in the life-long struggle toward perfection.

Peter Klassen

Doubt of whatever kind can be ended by action alone. —Carlyle

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All noble work is at first "impossible." —Carlyle

# EDUCATION

## SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

### Rev. Poettcker to Receive Doctor's Degree

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Rev. Henry Poettcker, president of Canadian Mennonite Bible College will graduate from Princeton Theological Seminary during the spring convocation.

The degree of Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) will be conferred at convocation services on June 6. His major field of study was the New Testament and his doctoral dissertation was entitled, "The Hermeneutics of Menno Simons," dealing with Menno's approach to and treatment of the Scriptures.

Rev. Poettcker is a graduate of Mennonite Biblical Seminary (B.D.) and Bethel College (A.B.), and has studied at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Alberta Mennonite High School and Menno Bible Institute. He has served as pastor in Elbing, Kans., and at Deep Run and Lansdale, Pa.

Rev. Poettcker and his wife Agnes live at 274 Renfrew Ave., and have three children, Victoria, Ronald and Martin.

### Mennonites Graduating from Alberta University

**Edmonton, Alta.** — Seven Mennonite students will graduate this term from the University of Alberta. They are: Eleanor Bergen, B.Sc. (lab. tech.), Irene Klassen, B. Phys. Ed., Agnes Dyck, B. A., Peter Janzen and Harry Kaethler, B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, Dave Quapp, B.Sc. in Civil Engineering, and Cal Lauber, B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering.

Peter Janzen will be in Ottawa this summer working with a building research project for the National Research Council. Dave is with the Branch of the Alberta Department of Highways.

Working with the Canadian Chemical Co. Ltd. in Edmonton in the field of process engineering will be Calvin Lauber, and going on a training program with Canadian Bechtel Construction in the Chemical and Refining Divisions at San Francisco will be Harry Kaethler.

Receiving their doctorates this fall are Fred Ens in Educational Administration and Herb Peters in Educational Psychology.

### Building Program of Swift Current Bible Institute

By Oliver Heppner

**Swift Current, Sask.** — A sod turning ceremony was conducted at the new site of the Swift Current Bible Institute during the closing session on April 9.

Part of the blue print is to come from the architect on April 25, when construction is to begin. The school building is 116 ft long and 40 ft wide. It is a two-storey building of which the lower floor is a shallow basement. It has a 12x40 ft. hallway across the building centre.

The basement floor consists of dining hall, kitchen, two wash rooms, two furnace rooms, a pantry, two supply rooms, five piano rooms and a recreation room. The second floor consists of two classrooms, one classroom-auditorium combination, a library, lounge, meeting room, principal's office and a book room.

Since many churches are involved in other building programs, the board thought it wise to retain the old campus for dormitories for another year and build only the new school building, which will serve the purpose of classrooms, kitchen, dining hall and some living accommodation.

### Tabor College

#### Clarence Hiebert to Join Tabor Bible Department

Rev. Clarence Hiebert, a former pastor of the North Enid, Okla., Mennonite Brethren Church and at present a teacher and pastor in Europe, has been appointed to the position of assistant professor in Bible at Tabor College for the coming school year.

Hiebert is currently on a three-fold assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee as instructor in the European Mennonite Bible School at Bienenberg, Switzerland; as a pastor to MCC and Pax workers in Europe; and as a speaker at gatherings of Mennonite and other Christian groups in Europe.

His assignment at Tabor will be on a half-time basis. He will devote the other half of his time to duties as assistant pastor of the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church.

Rev. Hiebert is a 1949 graduate of Tabor College and has attended the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg, Man. He earned the degree S.T.B. from the Biblical Seminary in New York and an M.A. degree from Phillips University School of the Bible in Enid.

In addition, he has earned graduate credits at Union Theological Seminary in New York, at New York University, and in the theological division of the University of Basel, Switzerland.

Hiebert served as minister of music, Sunday school and youth worker in a number of churches during his years of study and was assistant to the pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in New York City before assuming the Enid pas-

torate. He held that position from 1954 to 1959 and has been active in many committees of the Southern and General Conferences of the M. B. Church. He is married and the father of two sons.

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#### Leave of Absence for President

Dr. Leonard J. Franz, president of Tabor College, has been granted his request for a one-year sabbatical leave of absence from his duties effective August 1, 1961.

The announcement was made on May 1 by Ed J. Peters of Wasco, Calif., chairman of the board of Christian higher education of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Peters indicated that Dean Wesley J. Prieb will assume administrative responsibility while Dr. Franz is away from the campus. After a few weeks of rest, Dr. Franz expects to devote his time to research and study.

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#### Joining Tabor Faculty

The president's office at Tabor College announced the appointment of Dean Kliever, a native of Reedley, Calif., to the position of associate professor of psychology for the coming year.

Kliever has completed residence and examination requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in psychology at the University of Oregon in Eugene, where he is currently engaged in graduate research as a National Institutes of Health Research Fellow.

He did his undergraduate study at Reedley College (A.A. 1953) and at Tabor College, where he received the A.B. degree in 1955. He taught Psychology at Pacific College, Fresno, in 1956 and Science at Immanuel Academy, Reedley, in 1956-57, while completing his M.A. degree at Fresno State College in 1957.

At the University of Oregon Kliever was a graduate teaching fellow in the department of psychology, 1957-59, and held an internship in clinical psychology at Oregon State Hospital, 1959-60. In 1958-59 he was president of the University of Oregon chapter of Psi Chi, national honorary society in psychology. He is a member of the Oregon Psychological Association and an associate of the American Psychological Association.

### Divine Diagnosis

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in order to prevent worry. He sustains the government's organizations for relief to be freed from any obligations towards the needy. People of lower rank never feel their hearts; they see only their generous hands.

And now, what about the attitude of the lukewarm Christians toward the task of world missions? They support the work as long as they are provoked to do it. As there is lack of love, there is no personal participation in the work with them. To some extent there may be shown an interest in mission

work, but with so small a measure that it fails to acquire an important place in life. In case of economic difficulties, they are resolved to cancel all home and foreign mission activities. The Apostle Peter shed tears over the sad state of affairs in missions when signs of deterioration appeared. Lukewarm Christendom loses mission fields without tears. It is not easy to discover an undivided nature in a lukewarm Christian. He has worldly views and at the same time some Christian principles. Of the Christian principles those are retained which contribute to the increase of pleasant personal feelings and those that secure prosperity. Godliness has become an industry and weak faith has failed to create a life of devotion and love to Christ.

His divided nature gives way to self-complacency which stifles all holy striving. At the time of his first love he sang with all his heart, "More love to Thee." This longing is gone. Whereas he had a longing for his heavenly home at the early stage after conversion, it is now replaced by an endeavour to establish himself well on earth. There is no understanding for ideal aspirations of life. He is treading a specified road as usual, but does no searching in Scripture in order to know the aims that Christ has set for the church, and no new ways are found that would lead to the fulfillment of tasks designed for the church. This attitude is practised, not being aware of the existing condition which is described in the letter to the church as "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." There is no growth in the knowledge of the Lord and the Scriptures. These Christians are content with what they had become in the course of time and neglect to develop a more profound spiritual life. In taking such a course they have become trees that bear no fruit to be enjoyed by others. They can be likened to those who ride in a car with flat tires which everybody sees except the rider. It is a recurrence of what Hosea was writing about Israel: "Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured his strength and he knoweth it not; yea, and gray hair are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not." Samson lost his strength, not knowing that he had no power to overcome the Philistines.

This state of the church made the Lord sigh: "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." Although there is much groaning on earth, we rejoice that there will be no groaning in heaven. The sighing we perceive on this occasion, however, comes from heaven over a lukewarm attitude of the church. It can be traced in church history that a groaning was heard whenever Christianity was on a downward path.

(To be continued in next issue)

## Provincial Song Festival

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- The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Come and join in praise and thanksgiving for His gracious leading in the past, and for a renewal of our dedication to the great task of training workers for His kingdom.
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## Attention Please!

The work of our committee is now in full swing. A good number of persons have sent us confidential letters and filled in questionnaires. We are concerned about being understood and about receiving the necessary assistance in our serious efforts. For this reason we want to clarify publicly some points of interest.

We are making a new attempt, which varies from all the things undertaken heretofore by already existing organizations and committees, which on a confessional or national basis will no doubt continue their efforts and which we will support to the best of our ability. The new committee is unique in two essential points, namely:

1. It concerns itself with the question of endeavouring to reunite only close relatives, such as husband and wife, aged parents and children who are still single.
2. Our work is not to be limited to any one confession or nationality; it is a work in the interest of persons living in Canada regardless of nationality or confession, but who are separated from their close relatives as stated in point number 1.

Please convey this information to others.

In order to present our cause to the government, we must have the

necessary statistics from the answered questionnaires, which we are willing to send out upon request. Let us ask God for success in our efforts, knowing that He is able.

1. The committee does not intend to be involved in any political affairs.
2. It will not ignore existing organizations which are also concerned about the reuniting of separated families.
3. It will not make a business project out of its honest endeavours to reunite families.
4. It will not misuse any information which has been submitted to the committee in confidence.
5. It will not make any premature and groundless promises.
6. It does not intend to accept information regarding missing persons.

We intend to close our list on June 1, and therefore we remind you once more that we are willing to send you a questionnaire.

No one who writes to us is obligated to sever connections with persons or organizations through whom some efforts have already been made.

Our address is:  
 Canadian Committee for Reunification of Families Separated by the 2nd World War, Box 43, Stn. F, Winnipeg, Man.

Members of the committee:  
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## ON THE HORIZON

**May 19.** — Graduation Exercises Friday at 7:30 p.m. by the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute at the M.B.C.I. auditorium.

**May 21.** — Closing Program of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute to be held at the M.B.C.I. auditorium on Sunday at 7 p.m.

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

**May 13.** — The M. B. Bible College oratorio choir performing the German "Brahms' Requiem," Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at the Elmwood M. B. church.

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

**June 18.** — Graduation at Cana-

dian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

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

## Bible Centred Messages (Continued from page 4-3)

er what God's Word has done in South America." It was his joy of bringing the gospel to our people in that land, who have a hunger for the Word of God. Christians rededicated their lives and many souls found peace with God. May we who hear the gospel be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

On Friday, April 19, Mr. Martens gave a report on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The film, "Leaves of the Tree," was enjoyed by young and old.

Missionaries A. A. Unruh arrived from India on May 1. Though tired from their long journey, they were willing to serve us on May 3. We were also glad to see so many visitors in our midst. Mrs. Unruh gave a brief outline of their work during their 3 terms in India. She quoted Psalm 125:1,2. God's wonderful promises abide with those who trust Him. Rev. Unruh's message was based on Matt. 6:9-13. He spoke on evangelism and the church. Of the population in India 2% are Christians and 98% are non-Christians. Will you let yourself be used by the Lord? We all will have to be on deck to bring the gospel to everyone.

God truly has spoken to us during these past days. May our aim be to live daily for Christ as we go forward in faith.

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