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Arriving in Asuncion, the group of young nurses from the Menno Colony of the Paraguayan Chaco poses with Dr. and Mrs. Kaethler in front of the plane that brought them. The trip followed the nurses' graduation exercises at Menno Colony.

Nurses in Paraguay Have Eventful Tour

By Mrs. Frieda Kaethler

After the last weeks of preparation for final exams and graduation, the day for our trip, Friday, June 23, had finally arrived.

A group of happy nurses waited for the airplane at Filadelfia airport. My husband and I were taking them on a tour of Paraguay. For four of them it was the first time they were to leave the Chaco, the first time to fly, the first time to see a train, lake, river, mountain or city.

In two hours and 40 minutes we covered the 400 km. of the Chaco with its dense bush, brush, open

campos, swampy places, creeks and small rivers to the Paraguay River. Formerly it took a week to travel the distance, starting by horse and wagon and continuing by rail and steamboat.

See Famous Bridge

The weather on the first day was beautiful, so we took advantage of it and started for Iguazu Falls the same afternoon. Menno colony had graciously provided us with a pick-up truck and driver. The truck was a graduation gift to the nurses donated by the colony.

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A Life for Christ in India

Born into a poor Christian home, Isaac was an only son and had an only sister. His parents were Christians, but illiterate. His father, Mr. Barnabas, was a godly man with convictions, and was determined that his son Isaac should receive an education and be of service to mankind.

Having some of the same characteristics as his father, Isaac was equally determined not to study but work on the farm instead, look after the sheep and, most of all, stay away from books. After the father convinced little Isaac by explanation and convincing powers stronger than words, Isaac found himself studying in a mission school at Wanaparty. Several times he sneaked out of school, ran to his village about 35 miles away and fell at his father's feet begging to do

anything but study. The father remained firm and after some time in school little Isaac began to take an interest in his studies. After completing middle school he was sent to a Baptist school in Kurnol, where he finished his education.

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Bienenberg Choir. 14 alumni of the European Mennonite Bible School, Bienenberg/Liestal, Switzerland, representing the Mennonite churches of Europe, are touring the Mennonite churches in the United States and Canada August 17 to October 20, 1961. Samuel Gerber (extreme left), principal of the Bible school, and Clarence Hiebert, Enid, Okla., Pax pastor and teacher at the school, are accompanying the choir.

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

I Cor. 2:2

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YOUR CHRISTIAN
FAMILY WEEKLY

I-W Board Encourages Contact with Billy Graham

Meeting on July 27 in Chicago, members of the Mennonite 1-W Coordinating Board took official action expressing their interest in the coming Billy Graham Philadelphia evangelistic crusade and requesting the Mennonite brotherhood to arrange a meeting with Billy Graham at that time.

The resolution was passed as the 1-W representatives shared the burden of their hearts for an evangelical witness by our young men in service. "We do not see 1-W as merely alternative government service," they declared, "but we see the urgency for our churches and youth to a new dedication to a spiritual and Biblical witness in a world of conflict and sin."

David Derstine, (Old) Mennonite Church representative from eastern Pennsylvania on the 1-W Board, has been appointed to train counselors for the coming August 20 to September 17 crusade in Philadelphia. Out of concern for the great and urgent spiritual need in the world today, the Board felt led to express its support of the Phila-

delphia crusade. Then the Mennonite 1-W representatives requested the brotherhood to arrange a (Continued on page 12-1)

Arrived in the Congo

Miss Katy Penner writes that she and Siegfried Epp had a good flight to the Congo, where they arrived July 19. On the plane and in Belgium they met missionaries of other societies returning to Congo. She indicates that reception has been cordial from officials, the general population and soldiers. The Commissaire of Kikwit, the hospital director and the surgical director were at the airport to welcome her, Congo Protestant Relief Agency workers Dr. and Mrs. John R. Dyck, and Dr. Walter Shelly. Dr. and Mrs. Dyck have left for Gungu. "I'm looking to the Lord for open doors of service beside my medical duties," Miss Penner writes. "He has been leading in a wonderful way and I am confident He will continue to lead that way."

Bienenberg Choir to Tour U.S. and Canada

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — The Bienenberg Choir from the European Mennonite Bible School, Liestal, Switzerland, will visit Mennonite communities in North America August 17 to October 20. The choir will tour approximately 50 churches in the U.S. and Canada.

Composed of fourteen alumni of the Bible school, the group is traveling under the direction of Samuel Gerber, principal, and Clarence Hiebert, a part-time instructor at

the school during the last two terms. Programs to be presented will consist of German and English songs, instrumental music and devotions. Throughout the tour, the members wish to become acquainted with North American Mennonite youth and their church activities, to acquaint Mennonites with the European school program and to strengthen fellowship between Mennonites of Europe and North America.

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EDITORIAL

The Present Need for Purity and Nobility

About four centuries ago, a certain group of people in England earned for themselves the name of Puritans. They heeded the admonitions of Christ and His apostles and did all they could to keep their bodies pure. In this present age there are many people who have likewise set their minds on purity. They are surrounded by multitudes who are going in the opposite direction. In spite of the strong influence toward degradation, they realize that their bodies must be kept from defilement so as to be fit temples of God.

To be pure (according to the Desk Standard Dictionary) means to be free from moral defilement, innocent or refined. In view of this definition, it must be stated that there is much impurity in this world. Many have gone deep down in licentious habits, that it is difficult to prescribe remedies for their cure.

We are entitled to pray, "Lead us not into temptation." If the unchaste life is not begun, there will be no step taken forward in that direction. The moment that a person finds that a book is impure, one which father or mother should not see, that is the moment to put that book into the fire. The mere physical act of putting it into the fire is similar to sacrifices which were put on the altar by the Israelites.

The mind and body must not be plagued or perplexed by the influence of sensuality, but be kept in such a condition that it will please God Who made them.

There is not only a present need for purity, but also for nobility. To be noble means to be exalted in character or quality (according to Desk Standard Dictionary). Nobility is the expression not merely of the intellect and the mind, but rather of the soul and the heart. Nobility is often expressed in the face. It cannot easily be concealed, because benevolence has taken control of the person's life.

A noble individual looks with dissatisfaction upon everything low and degrading and is in entire harmony with that which is lofty, true, good and pure. To him nobility is not a mere emotion, but a mode of life in which all attainments and powers are subordinated to the highest aims and plans. He is so entrenched in his desire to help others, that he is able to overcome temptations in the opposite direction. His feelings for the welfare of others have become a habit and thus a noble character was formed.

A person with true nobility does not perform actions spasmodically or by mere impulse, but as a result of what God has wrought in the inner man. He is not guided by external incitement, but by a steady and sustained life. He may not be a nobleman by descent and he may be destitute of office, learning or rank, yet he is a noble man because he has permitted God to change his heart and transform his life.

Noble souls frequently live under the most humble circumstances. Little things are not considered too insignificant for them and large ones are valuable enough to do them in deep humility. The purpose for what they do is lofty and their sacrifices are unselfish and complete.

Noble are those farmers, teachers, doctors, nurses, ministers, missionaries and laborers in the various areas of human activity, whose aim is not their own aggrandizement, wealth or fame, but to serve God and their fellowmen according to the direction of divine precepts. They are more precious than mines of silver and gold.

Every trait of nobility was found in Jesus, Who enables His followers to exercise this virtue everywhere. It matters not whether this is in a royal palace or in a lowly hut, in a highly professional life or in common manual labor, in a conspicuous public position or in private life.

May we heed the exhortation of the great English poet Longfellow, who said, "Be noble in every thought and in every deed."

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

The Divine Counsel to Lukewarm Christianity

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

(Continued from previous issue)

During the lapse of time Christianity has often been affected by false doctrines, but they were no match for the truth because they had no spiritual life. The Lord offers the most reasonable price: "Come ye and buy without money and without price." The Word of God suggests the road to inner enrichment and the conditions by which it can be obtained. Fanatical religious movements have made demands upon the spiritual life which led to neurosis, because the price was too high. The conditions of orthodox Christianity chiefly concerned the intellect and religious knowledge. One was regarded a Christian if one knew Christian doctrine. Foreign mission work was carried on by teaching the Lord's prayer and other things. There was no discrimination between faith and knowledge. There the price was set too low. For spiritual quickening we must come to the Lord through His Word.

As a physician gives his patient instructions to follow, so this letter counsels lukewarm Christianity. "I counsel thee to buy." These words indicate that the Lord does not compel the church to adopt His advice. Everyone must examine himself personally to find out what he lacks and then make his own decision to buy gold in order to possess riches. What will it avail if our congregations are informed of their want of riches and realize their poverty, if they do not decide to obtain the riches in Christ. No revival will be experienced unless the individual confessor determines to renew his life. The Apostle Paul was deeply moved when the Lord appeared to him on the road to Damascus, but that did not save him from making the decision for obedience.

Clear, personal judgement about the value of an object to be purchased is of importance. The lukewarm person must personally and properly evaluate the things he wants to purchase. It must be evident to him that it is worthwhile to give up his own conceit for the riches in Christ. In dealing with the Pharisees Jesus always emphasized the necessity of being born again, the value of repentance, the need of forgiveness of sins and justification. But they regarded their own righteousness higher than the righteousness Jesus offered. That is why they remained miserable. Conceived persons must cast off their wrong attitude, which they can only do by recognizing spiritual values and appraising the blessings of salvation. Therefore, it is important for evangelists to hold the gospel high to provoke the church to seek

spiritual blessings and make their decisions at all cost. Let us not forget that, despite His grace, the Lord stresses the necessity of buying.

Laodicea was advised to buy garments. These can only be bought with gold tried in the fire, which we find in the poverty of Jesus. That is possible through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus, when our own rags are surrendered and the garments of redemption are put on. In them one appears publicly, as it is expressed by Paul in Col. 3:12, where we read: "Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering . . . and above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfection." The clothes thus put on serve on work days as well as on Sundays. The Pharisees had a particular appearance when they came forward as expounders of the law and when they prayed and fasted. But they behaved quite differently when they devoured the houses of widows and orphans or spoke contemptuously about sinners and publicans. To be more impressive in their appearance they changed their garments, which manifested their carnal mind. The church of Jesus must wear clothing received from Him to cover her nakedness at His coming, as He has warned: ". . . that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear." What is meant by shame? That is our old nature with its mean behavior. Jesus does not want His church to walk after the flesh, it is to be clothed with garments of salvation. Both are required, the standing and the state: righteousness through His blood and the state of good works.

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CHURCH NEWS

Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Redekop

The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Redekop of Main Centre, Sask., was celebrated on July 30, when they and many relatives and friends gathered in the M. B. church on Sunday evening to join in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings of the past 25 years. The evening was spent by the presentation of a specially prepared program. Mr. Jake Martens opened the program by leading the congregation in singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," reading I Sam. 7: 10-12 and praying. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martens of Saskatoon then sang a duet, "Out of His Infinite Mercy," which was followed by the song, "Pause at His Feet for a Moment of Prayer," sung by Bill Redekop and Hans Sapinsky of Herbert. Mrs. B. F. Redekop, also of Herbert, then had a reading especially dedicated to the honored couple. A trio consisting of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Goertzen and son Rudy from Waldheim, sang, "Others." Mr. and Mrs. Art Redekop, Nigeria, Africa, then sang, "He Knows the Way."

The message of the evening was brought by Rev. Nick Janz of Herbert. He based his sermon on James 1:17. He mentioned some of the good and perfect gifts which had been bestowed on Mr. and Mrs. Redekop during the last 25 years. God had supplied them with daily bread, physical strength and health, and protection, especially from accidents, which are so common these days. God has also given them and us His perfect gifts, the Holy Word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is perfect in all respects. He is perfect in keeping His promises: His promise of strength, the promise of His presence and the promise of His Second Coming.

Joyce and Frances Redekop, daughters of the honored couple, then sang, "Oh, to be Like Thee." Following that Mr. H. F. Redekop gave his personal testimony and related a few of the highlights of the past 25 years: how they started married life in a two-room shack for a few months and then moved into a larger, more comfortable house, and how the Lord had prospered them until they were recently able to build a new, modern dwelling place. They are still living on the same farm where they started their married life on July 2, 1936. "Selig sind die," a favorite song of the Redekops, was then sung by a group, after which Mr. Dick Rempel, Swift Current, read Isa. 54:10 and closed the evening with prayer.

About 250 guests then partook of

a hearty lunch in the basement, where the tables were artistically decorated with artificial flower centre pieces. The honored couples' table had a beautiful three-tiered cake decorated in silver and white. Many gifts were received, which daughters Joyce and Frances opened for display.

Mrs. J. J. Redekop

Future Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Loewen of 71 Dolphin Bay, Regina, Sask., on July 13 welcomed into their home a baby daughter, Karen Ruth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Janzen (nee Loretta Neufeld), 133 Crestwood, Winnipeg, Man., on July 23, 1961, a son, Mark Andrew.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Penner (nee Anne Heier), on July 24, 1961, a daughter, Melody Joy.

Mrs. George Friesen † (nee Anna Wiebe) Morris, Man.

My dear wife and mother of our three children, Anna (nee Wiebe) was born in Rosenthal, South Russia, on January 26, 1899. She was the youngest of 5 children and spent a happy childhood in the village in her parental home. Her father was a gardener by profession. The first sorrow came to the family when her brother Henry disappeared in 1912, and no information has ever been received about him.

Religion was a strong factor in her family. She made her peace with God in the year 1919 and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Brethren Church in the same year. A year later we were united in matrimony and, although those were lean years, we still count them among the happiest of our too short united pilgrimage. The Lord has blessed our marriage with three sons, who brought a great deal of joy into our lives.

We have experienced the good Lord's provision in many ways. One especially stands out. It was in the year 1920-21 when our country was in the grip of a famine. Relief from America provided meals for the mothers which included my good wife and her son. As a good wife she found means and ways whereby she was permitted to bring her ration home, which she shared with me and so also saved my life.

In 1923 we were privileged to immigrate into this country. At first we found a welcome with our relatives, the John Kruegers, at Neubergthal, Man., near Altona. In 1924 we moved to Winnipeg, where I took up the trade of tinsmithing. We stayed there until

1931. After that we moved to Gardenton, where we worked in partnership with others, operating a flour mill. In 1939 we moved to Morris, where we have resided until the death of my good wife.

My wife enjoyed fairly good health until about 7 weeks ago. She became ill and found it necessary to be hospitalized in the Morris Hospital, where she was treated well and had hopes for a speedy recovery. But the Lord of life and death ruled otherwise. Her condition grew worse and it was necessary to transfer her to the Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg where better equipment for kidney ailments is available.

On Monday, July 31, her Creator called His weary child home. She was ready, but had a great desire to see all the children once more. She appreciated the prayers and kind attention shown by flowers and cards. She leaves to mourn her much too early departure me, her husband, 3 sons, George, Jake and Albert, 3 daughters-in-law, and 5 grandchildren, as well as a host of friends. Her concern was that none should be missing at the great reunion in glory when our Master will have us before Him.

We mourn, but not as such who are without hope. Of her it can be said, "Blessed are they that die in the Lord. Her works follow her." Rev. 14:13.

In this hour of bereavement we have appreciated the love and consideration of many friends and wish to thank all of them sincerely. The bereaved husband and children

Jacob Baerg †



Jacob Baerg, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius J. Baerg of Coaldale, Alta., was born on April 6, 1923, in Elisabeththal, Russia. He migrated to Canada with his parents in 1925 and, after a short stay in Saskatchewan, settled down at Vauxhall, Alta. He grew up on the farm and on May 27, 1945, was united in marriage to Annie (nee Esau).

They acquired a farm and would probably have remained there had it not been for ill health. For over a year, in 1950-51, he was an inmate of the Baker Memorial Sanatorium, Calgary, where some very serious operations were performed.

God answered the many prayers of relatives and friends and his health was restored, at least partially. Since farming proved too hard, he decided to seek some easier occupation. He moved to Coaldale with his family and soon got a permanent position as office clerk with the Department of Transport at the Lethbridge airport. He filled that position for almost four years. Of the last six months he was able to work for only one month. Most of the other time he had to spend in the hospital at Lethbridge or Coaldale. During that time he was often seriously ill, but he rallied again and again and there was still hope of recovery. However, the last week his condition grew steadily worse until the Lord relieved him of his suffering at 1:55 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, 1961. He was 38 years, 3 months and 2 days old.

The deceased grew up in a Christian home and at the age of 14 realized his lost condition and accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour. He was baptized at the age of 17 and accepted into the Mennonite Brethren Church, whose faithful member he remained to the end. He took his Christian life seriously, loved his Lord and Saviour and spent much time in prayer. Even when his physical strength failed him, he still prayed and regained strength in prayer. He had a deep desire to see his Saviour face to face, and this his longing has now been fulfilled.

He leaves to mourn his much too early passing: his beloved wife, Annie; his two children, Elnora and Richard; his dear parents; his sisters: Annie (Mrs. Nick Thiessen), Betty (Mrs. Wayne Shave), Mary (Mrs. Peter Rempel), Martha (Mrs. David Rempel), Margaret (Mrs. Henry Rempel), Laura (Mrs. Corny Klassen), and Elfrieda (Mrs. Henry Traber), with their families; two brothers-in-law: Abe Rempel and John Esau, with their families, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on July 12 from the Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church, with Rev. D. J. Pankratz officiating.

We mourn the passing of our dear husband, father and son, but not as having no hope. We are confident that we shall see him again in glory, where there will be no more tears, sickness or death.

The bereaved Mrs. Annie Baerg and family

Jacob Loewen †

Funeral services were recently held from the Winkler Bergthaler Church for Jacob Loewen, 95, a pioneer of this district, who died after a lengthy illness in the Salem Home, Winkler.

Born in Russia in 1866, he came to Canada with his parents in 1875 to settle in this area. For a number of years before his death, Mr. Loewen lived in the Salem Home with Mrs. Loewen. They were married 71 years.

Sunday School Convention at Burwalde

Burwalde, Man. — "Self-Examination of the Sunday School Worker." This was the topic on which the program of the Sunday School Convention, held at the Winkler Bible Camp August 4-6, was based. The program was planned to meet the needs of the Sunday school worker. There was good singing; there was wholesome recreation; there were talks of instruction and talks of inspiration; there were practice workshops; and all these aimed at improving the work of the Sunday school teacher.

The singing program was under the direction of Brother Helmut Janzen. "Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me! Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me! Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!" This was the theme song. A lively and instructional song service preceded every main session. Of special interest was a talk given by Mrs. E. Horch on music. "Our faith should be a happy faith and our song service should speak of happiness in the Lord. This happiness, however, should be expressed appropriately in a dignified manner," said Mrs. Horch.

For personal edification the fireside hour is unequalled. On Saturday night the workers gathered around the fire in the open. There was a challenging talk; there was singing; there were testimonies; and there were refreshments. Glory be to God for the salvation we have in His Son!

Rev. H. R. Baerg, speaking in English, challenged the teachers to make a self-examination. Have I the right motives? Am I properly equipped? Am I conscientious? These were questions each one had to answer to himself. Rev. C. C. Peters, speaking in German, talked about the Sunday school teacher and his work as shown in the Bible. To these brethren we say, Thank you! for the Christian exhortation to serve more faithfully in our Sunday school work.

Then, too, there were workshops for all departments of the Sunday school. These are particularly valuable for the worker, since much practical knowledge is gained by all through the exchange of ideas in the discussions.

Certainly not the least popular place of the camp was the dining hall. A skilled kitchen staff under Miss T. Klassen's direction served wonderful meals, in fact, so good were the meals that the men did not at all mind to take their turns at washing dishes. Thank you, ladies, for your service.

It is encouraging to see the active interest shown in our churches for the work in the Sunday school. We extend our thanks to those who planned and to those who carried out the program so successfully. We are happy to have men and women

in our churches who make it a point to specialize in matters pertaining to Sunday school. These, our co-workers, make the Sunday school conventions of great benefit to all of us.

All in all, our Sunday school convention has again given us encouragement and instruction for the duties before us. The Lord be praised for the privilege we have of living in a country where it is possible for us to enjoy these times of blessing.

Abe Schellenberg, Winnipeg

Loss of \$100,000 by Fire

On August 2, fire at the A. A. DeFehr Furniture Co. Ltd., 400 Edison Ave., North Kildonan, Man., has caused property loss worth about \$100,000, most of which was covered by insurance. About one-third of the buildings are destroyed as well as all the new furniture. All the machines and raw materials were saved. In spite of the tragic mishap, Mr. A. A. DeFehr plans to re-establish the plant so as to be in a position to begin with production of furniture within two or three weeks.

M. B. Board of General Welfare

Hans Pankratz, M. B. student from Fernheim, Paraguay, is attending a Baptist seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and is president of the student body.

Willy Janz reports that the Mennonite Brethren Bible School in Fernheim, Paraguay, is enjoying a very fine term. The enrollment is 37, with 33 students from Fernheim, two from Neuland and one each from Volendam and Bolivia. The faculty includes Willy Janz, principal, Mrs. Boschman, George Giesbrecht, Jacob Isaak and Peter Klassen, Sr. An evening Bible school is also in session in Fernheim, with George Giesbrecht and Heinrich Loewen as teachers.

Building of Home for Aged to Begin

Construction of the long-planned Ebenezer Home for the Aged is expected to get underway at Altona shortly. A general meeting in the Altona Bergthaler church called by the Ebenezer Board of Directors approved the board's recommendation that the bid of Peterson and Fonger be accepted and that a contract be signed at the earliest possible time.

Rev. David Schulz, chairman of the board, told the meeting, which was attended by approximately 250 persons, that eight bids had been received from contractors and that the board had decided to accept that of Peterson and Fonger Construc-

tion Ltd. The cost of the two-storey brick building including furnishings and architectural fees will run to an estimated \$313,000.

Four-Vehicle Accident

Steinbach, Man. — A four-vehicle accident near Hillsboro, N.D., on July 14, which caused one fatality and another serious injury, resulted in only minor bruises for C. F. Barkman, retired Steinbach postmaster, his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Barkman, and two grandchildren.

Killed in the accident was Mrs. Gordon Bartholomey of Grand Forks, N.D. A small child less than two years old was in critical condition.

The collision, which involved two trucks beside the Barkman and Bartholomey cars, occurred during a rainstorm.

Baptismal Service at the Elmwood M. B. Church

Winnipeg, Man. — Eight persons were baptized at a service in the Elmwood M. B. church on Sunday evening, July 30. The candidates were Orlando Redekopp, Arthur DeFehr, Carl Sonnechsen, Wally Kroeker, Rita Shier, Tamira Friesen, Marilyn Shier, and Mrs. Schroeder. The latter will take up membership in the Niverville M. B. Church.

DVBS at North Kildonan

The total enrolment in the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church DVBS program for 1961 was 715. Classes were held at three locations: at the home church on Henderson Highway, at the Princess Margaret School on Hawthorne Ave., and at the Springfield School in South Transcona.

Classes at the home church, under the leadership of J. D. Friesen, had an enrolment of 330 distributed over 5 departments: Adult, Young People's, Junior, Primary, and Beginner. The pastor, Rev. W. Falk, taught the Adult class and Rev. F. C. Peters, instructor at the Mennonite Bible College, taught the Young People's class. In all departments it was felt that the lessons made a significant spiritual impact.

The DVBS program at the Princess Margaret School was under the supervision of J. Loewen. The 310 pupils were distributed over three departments: Junior, Beginner and Primary. The teaching staff numbered 20. Most of the pupils came from a non-Mennonite background, 36 attend no Sunday school and 85 attend other Sunday schools. The area served is a new residential district in which there is only one other evangelical church. God blessed the efforts of the dedicated teachers.

At Springfield School in South Transcona D. Friesen was in charge.

The 75 pupils enrolled were distributed over four departments: Intermediate, Junior, Primary, and Beginner. The teaching staff numbered four with five helpers. Interest in DVBS was great and the spiritual impact made was significant.

In the Intermediate, Junior, Primary and Beginner departments material printed by Gospel Light Publications was used. On the whole, it was found to be quite appropriate to the needs of our group.

Children's Home to Observe 25th Anniversary

Henderson, Neb. — The two weeks of August 13-27 have been set aside by Grace Children's Home for the observance of its 25th anniversary.

The institution for orphan children and children from broken homes was organized in 1936 by Rev. J. R. Barkman, who still serves as chairman of the board of directors. Its seven residential buildings are capable of accommodating 45 children.

A part of the anniversary observance will be the dedication of two newly-completed buildings, the Ranch House and Grace Hill, on Sunday, August 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Support for Grace Children's Home has come from various Mennonite groups as well as from other denominations. Recently the women of a Mennonite Church at Thomas, Okla., dressed 100 chickens, which had been donated for the Home.

Members of the board of directors besides Rev. Barkman are J. R. Klippenstein, J. R. Friesen, Paul Oswald, Herman Goertzen, Clarence E. Peters and Dr. Paul Barkman.

Passing of Mrs. Anna Friesen

Friends were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Anna Friesen, wife of G. J. Friesen of Morris.

Mrs. Friesen had been in poor health for some time and had received medical attention at the local hospital. She was admitted to Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg recently, where she passed away.

Funeral services were held at the Morris United church.

Miss Loewen Going Home to Glory

Miss Helene Loewen of 591 Alverstone St., Winnipeg 10, went home to be with the Lord on August 7 between 5 and 6 p.m. She died in the Misericordia Hospital. Funeral services were held on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. from the South End M. B. Church, of which she was a member. The deceased one lived with her aged mother and two sisters here in Winnipeg.



The Cause of Foreign Missions

The Pastor, the Local Church and Missions

By P. R. Lange

The primary work of the church of Jesus Christ is to make Christ known and obeyed and loved throughout the world. By far the larger part of this undertaking is among the non-Christian nations. The secret of enabling the home church to press forward in its great task of world evangelization is one of leadership. The people do not go beyond their leaders in knowledge and zeal, nor rarely surpass them in consecration and sacrifice. The Christian pastor holds the divinely-appointed office for inspiring and guiding the thought and activities of the church.

The conditions in the world today offer an ever-increasing challenge to the Christian church. Why should we always go on magnifying the darksome difficulties confronting the Christian forces in the efforts to spread the gospel? The prospects are still as good "as the promises of God."

The pastor of a local church is in a strategic position to advance the cause of world evangelization in four ways, which we briefly set forth in this paper.

I. The pastor is an educational force in the evangelization of the world.

The Christian forces need to be informed relative to the extent and conditions of the non-Christian world. Christ says: "Lift up your eyes, and look into the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). The field is the world and the lifting up of eyes predicates effort and aggressiveness. The pastor has various means for instructing and informing the people in preparation for the work of world evangelization.

1. Foremost among these means is the pulpit and its ministry. By his sermons the pastor can bring the subject before the largest number of members.

How many missionary sermons a year should there be? A prominent missionary bishop said there should be 20 every year. This may be somewhat extreme. Several leading missionary society secretaries who have had exceptional opportunities of studying the experience of the churches recommend 12 a year. A study of 25 churches among those which have been yielding the largest results for missions shows that their ministers average five foreign missionary sermons a year. We have forgotten the years when the churches of the M. B. Conference had one mission-

ary sermon a month among the others.

The vastness, vitality, and timeliness of the missionary movement and its claims require that the subject receive large, frequent and thorough pulpit treatment.

2. Another means for missionary education in the church is the annual missionary conference. It should be an established custom to have such a conference in each church at least once a year. Dr. Ockenga, pastor of the famous Park Street Church in Boston, said at a missionary conference in Chicago that he would recommend two such conferences annually to keep up the missionary spirit in the church. We would say that there should be at least one such conference in each church annually. At such conferences returned missionaries should report of conditions on the various fields. Such conferences need not run over more than three or four days.

3. Still another means for missionary education in the church are the various organizations, such as Sunday school, the young people's meetings and women's missionary societies. Let us remember that historically the inception of the modern missionary movement is credited to the enthusiasm of young men. In the Sunday school at least one lesson in a quarter should be a lesson on missions.

Besides the organizations among young people there are other missionary societies in the church. Probably the strongest among them are the women's missionary organizations. These constitute the most enterprising, the most aggressive and the most fruitful agencies for the promotion of missionary interest now at work in the churches. In North America, Germany and the British Isles their achievements have been noteworthy. For every reason it is desirable that the pastor keep in intelligent and sympathetic touch with the plans and activities of any such organizations in his own church.

4. There should be a well equipped library in every church. If the missionary fires of the church are to be kept burning intensely, such literature is indispensable. It is needed for constant reference. The pastor's counsel will constantly be needed in building up this library.

II. The pastor is a financial force for world evangelization.

1. Supreme among methods for securing money for the work of God

is that of promoting the spirituality of the people. Whatever is done to make Christ more of a reality to Christians and get them to render larger obedience to Him—to make Him Lord of their lives—strikes at the heart of the financial problem of missions. Toward the close of his life Dr. A. J. Gordon, whose church in Boston was a strong missionary force, said, "I am tempted never to beg a cent for God again, but rather to spend my energy in getting Christians spiritualized, assured that they will then become more liberal in their offerings."

2. There should be several sermons annually designed to promote right habits of stewardship. They should probably be preached when no financial appeal is to be made.

Church people may say, "I wish my pastor would preach the gospel and stop talking about money." But it is impossible to preach the gospel and not talk about money. Christ had more to say about money than about repentance, as vital as the subject is. He had more to say about money than about the new birth. He had more to say about money than about hell. It is impossible, therefore, to preach the gospel and not deal with the subject of money.

3. In the matter of giving, as in other things, the pastor should set the example. If a man urges others to do what he himself is not doing, the people know about it. Where a pastor is on fire with enthusiasm for a cause and shows the genuineness of his convictions by a real life of self-denial, his spirit sooner or later takes possession of his people.

III. The pastor is a recruiting force in world evangelization.

The needs of the church can be summarized in this way: to know, to grow, to glow, to go. When the church cannot send forth her members to propagate the gospel, she has reached the state in which she has nothing worth propagating. While it is impossible for a home pastor to be at the same time a foreign missionary, it is possible for him to be a recruiting officer for the war of world-wide conquest.

God calls men to salvation and into special service. A divine call is a spiritual necessity to successful work in the kingdom of grace either in preaching or in missions. Nothing can take the place of a divine inner call. There is a human side to a divine call. God calls and a man can call the called. It is doubtful whether there is a preacher or missionary in all the world who was not influenced by some wise friend or loved one at the time of his surrender to God's will. There may be a few exceptions.

The mightiest responsibility for securing recruits for the field forces in Christ's kingdom lies with the ministry itself. Our homes and schools can do much, but the preacher and missionary are the

pivotal people in this matter. The pastors in all the churches are the foremost agents for securing volunteers.

A number of mission boards in Canada and the United States in a great missionary conference agreed on the following principle: "The regular ministry of the church is charged with the responsibility of raising up under the Spirit of God the candidates for missionary service."

The work of helping to discover, enlist and train suitable candidates for missionary service is not only one of the most weighty responsibilities of the pastor, but also his greatest single opportunity of reproducing his own kind.

1. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest." Put it in your closet communion with God. Pray it in public. Call your church to pray about it. Urge your people in their homes to pray for more harvester.

2. Preach it. Preach special sermons and sprinkle it in others. Preach on the need for more workers, the attractions, opportunities, rewards, trials, sufferings, the heroics of the ministry and mission work. Preach on the qualifications of the ministry and evidences of a divine call.

3. Do personal work along this line. Speak words of encouragement to those who are giving evidence that God is dealing with them regarding full-time Christian service.

IV. The pastor is a spiritual force in the work of world evangelization.

The history of the church shows conclusively that there is a vital connection between the spirituality of the church and the origin and development of missionary movements. The Pietist movement in Germany, led by Spener and Francke, furnished the spiritual conditions which made possible the Danish-Halle Mission. At a time when the church as a whole was cold and asleep as to her missionary responsibility these earnest Christians turned from general worldly practices of the time and gave themselves to the earnest cultivation of the spiritual life. One has said of Pietism: "In spite of its fleeing from the world it became a world-conquering power."

No modern church has surpassed the Moravians in missionary spirit and activity. During the first generation of its missionary life the Moravian movement carried out a more extensive missionary program than all Protestant churches during the entire seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. This marvelous manifestation of missionary exertion had its origin in the deepened spiritual life of the Brethren under the leadership of Zinzendorf.

The British missionary movement at the close of the eighteenth century had a spiritual beginning. The Wesleyan revival greatly helped prepare the church for such an awakening of interest in world evangelization. On this side of the

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THE Young Observers

Dear Girls and Boys,

We are all excited at our house! What is everyone doing? Why, we are getting ready for a holiday. The girls are busy packing their clothes; Daddy is studying maps and tourist guides; young Gerald is busily rushing from one place to another. He wants to pack all his toys among the girls' things. My, how surprised they are to find a big bump under the dresses in the suitcase. It is his sandy plastic tractor!

And were are all the Doerksens going? To beautiful British Columbia, of course! Some of my readers from there have been sending me letters. Perhaps I will meet some of you. No doubt we will enjoy the mountains, the ocean, and the orchards in your province.

Have you completely forgotten about school? You may remember some pretty verses of poetry and recite them to yourself as you weed the garden. I used to do that. I want to share a poem with you which I memorized in Grade III. It keeps coming back to me again and again, as I anticipate the majestic wonders we will see.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful—the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings—
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The morning and the sunset that lighteth up the sky,

The tall trees in the green-wood, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden—He made them everyone.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

Love, Aunt Helen

Fruit from the Seed of a Mother's Prayer

Mildred M. Cook

"Hello!" Curiosity rather than friendliness colored the boy's tone. He eyed the newcomer sharply: a notebook, another Book, and a camera. Nobody living in this little California town carried such things.

"You're a stranger, aint you?" The boy pronounced the verdict flatly, as he lay on his stomach under an umbrella tree near the street.

"I suppose I am—to you. But this town is not strange to me. I used to live here. Right here." She waved an arm in the direction of a brown lath bungalow surrounded by flower beds.

"This house?"

"This very house! Who lives here now, you?"

"Naw! Old man Wentz does. Him and his woman and a little kid. He's lived here awful long, as long as I can remember."

"Say," he went on with a fourteen-year-old's impressiveness, "why'd you come here? Just to see an old house?"

"No, not exactly. You see, some One whom I respect very much, asked me to come. I wanted to please Him. I've been in Alaska on

a summer trip and I'm hurrying back now to Los Angeles. But He told me this morning, when I talked with Him, that by a little careful planning, I could have a whole hour to spend here in Seattle. I wanted to come for His sake. And I wanted to see the people who live here anyway."

"When you don't even know them?"

"I didn't know you until a moment ago. But I'm glad to know you." Silently she spoke to her unseen Friend, "May I talk to this boy for Thee?"

"Seems awful funny to me—your comin' here," the youngster mused as he scrambled to his feet and approached the house. "Here, I'll open the gate."

He started forward, but the sidewalk burned his bare feet and he winced.

"Oh, thank you, I'll do it! The walk's hot, I know."

A host of memories came to her mind. She remembered how that sidewalk had felt against her own bare feet more than twenty years ago. Her hand was on the gate which had the same tricky latch

over which she had cried in childhood. There was the same long gravel path to the house, flanked now with rows of petunias dotted with pink roses and shasta daisies, and loganberry vine borders. There was the same low front porch on which her mother had stood morning by morning at school time and had said, "Be a good girl, darling. Keep the door of your lips." The sweet, solemn words had become deeply rooted in her young heart.

It was a long time now since that mother had gone to be with Christ, called into His presence from this very home. But the memory of her daily farewell to her child had not faded, and today the daughter prayed, "Keep Thou, O Lord, the door of my lips, and use me for Thy glory."

She tapped gently at the door. A stout, plain woman with a little girl beside her answered. Smiling, the stranger began, "You'll excuse me, won't you, for coming? You see, my family used to live here when I was a little girl. I love this place. I haven't been in this vicinity for years and years, but I thought I'd like to call today, if you don't mind."

"Now ain't that nice you've come!" the woman responded warmly. "We don't get no company here, much. What with my man sick all the time and me working in the cannery all I'm able, and little Jewel here needing us, we don't have no chance for gaddin' ourselves." She turned. "Hey, Ben!" she called loudly.

The man of the house stumbled through the doorway, looking emaciated, bent, discouraged. He leaned against the corner of the porch. "I'm right glad to see you, stranger," he said heartily. "I've been mighty close to dyin'—two, three times lately. But seems like I allus pulls through."

"Did that occur in this house, by any chance?"

"Why, yes, of course."

"I'm not surprised. Did you know that this is an unusual house? I know from personal experience that the Lord Jesus Christ has been here. It's a house all filled with prayer and with love to Him. There's been prayer in every room of it, behind every door of it—Mother's prayers, and Father's prayers, and family prayers, and the prayers of a little child."

"Well, I declare!" the sick man uttered the words in amazement.

"May I ask you," the stranger went on, "whether you have prayer in this house now? Do you belong to the One Who answers prayer?"

"No," he said, "but we'd like to. I was saying to my woman just the other day that on a account we're bringing up Jewel since her ma died, we had ought to get near to God. I've been listenin' over the radio, but I dunno—"

"Seems like you can't know what to believe these days," the woman put in.



The visitor prayed inaudibly: "Please, Lord, keep the door of my lips right now for Thy glory."

Aloud she said, "Excuse me, but aren't we forgetting little Jewel altogether?"

Love shone in the grandparents' faces.

"Jewel, dear, would you like to see what I brought just for you?" The visitor sat down on the lowest step and the little five-year-old snuggled close to her. "It's a book without words."

"Tell me!" the child begged eagerly.

From the book's colored pages, the stranger "read" the story of redemption. Then she read to the grandparents from a New Testament. She read to them about sin (Rom. 3:23), about grace (Eph. 2:8,9), about believing (Acts 16:31), and about receiving (John 5:24).

"Is it as simple as that?" the woman breathed.

"We ain't never heard it plain like that before," her husband added. "Lady, God sent you, there ain't no doubt in my mind about that."

"Then will you—each of you—receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour?"

Little Jewel looked up. "Yes, ma'am," she said politely.

"I'll receive Him." Grandfather's response was thoughtful, earnest.

"And so will I," his wife declared.

"And there'll be prayer in this house again—after this," asserted the man of the house.

"Let's pray now," the visitor suggested, and all four reverently bowed their heads. How the angels in heaven must have rejoiced as repentant sinners voiced their praise of a living, personal Saviour.

Faces aglow with joy, the group walked toward the gate together. The visitor looked about anxiously. "There was a boy here when I came," she explained. "I wanted to talk to him about our Lord Jesus us."

Suddenly a plan flashed upon her. "I think," she exclaimed, "that the Lord Jesus means you to tell this boy and others of Him, so that you may have the same joy that I have in my heart."

"We know Him now and seems like we ought to tell somebody, like you told us."

"O Lord," a prayer rose from the grateful heart of the visitor, "answer my mothers' prayer for them also. As they witness for Thee, 'keep the door of their lips'."

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Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

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Mrs. Norwood's eyes beamed. "And do you know that they plan to marry when he is through with his studies?"

Again the pastor nodded. "Yes, they told us their plans, and we are convinced that the Lord has brought them together."

"We think so too!" Charles echoed, with conviction.

"They both have good musical talent!" put in Margaret Brandon. "Wouldn't they make a wonderful team as singing evangelists?"

"Yes," agreed the pastor, "your daughter has a very beautiful gift."

Charles Norwood nodded, and he spoke in a husky voice. "Our only ambition for our daughter now is that the Lord will continue to use her in the future as He has done in the past."

Marwell Brandon's heart overflowed with joy at the change in this man's life. "The Lord will grant your desire, Mr. Norwood. You can be sure of that!"

The two men exchanged glances which told plainly that each knew what was in the mind of the other, but Mrs. Norwood innocently changed the subject.

"Won't it be wonderful if something can be done for Granny Weston?" she went on. "Lionel is arranging for medical treatment for his mother, and he won't spare any expense!"

"I'm sure of that," Marwell Brandon agreed. "He has very definite ideas about the stewardship of money, and nothing will turn him from doing what he believes to be the right thing. As a matter of fact, he insisted on giving me this."

He drew a slip of pink paper from his vest pocket and sat fingering it, until Mrs. Norwood could not restrain her curiosity any longer. "What is it, Mr. Brandon?" she said.

The pastor looked up with a smile. "It's a cheque for five hundred pounds."

"What?" gasped Charles, raising himself up on his pillows.

"Five hundred pounds?" echoed Thelma Norwood.

"Yes," the pastor explained. "Lionel has been doing some personal stocktaking since he became a Christian, and he insists that this money is the Lord's share of what he possesses. He gave it to me for the Lord's work and told me to use it in any way I might think fit."

Mrs. Norwood's face lit up. "Well, there you are, Mr. Brandon! You've been praying for five hundred pounds, haven't you?"

"Yes," the pastor admitted. "But we couldn't put Lionel's money into repairs for the manse. That would be too much like using it for personal ends."

Mrs. Norwood was taken aback. "Then what do you intend to do with it?" she asked curiously.

Maxwell Brandon smiled as he took the cheque and held it out to Mrs. Norwood, while she sat and stared at him in complete amazement. "We want you to have it, Mrs. Norwood. We want to give it to you to make up your five hundred pounds."

Thelma Norwood could not believe her ears. "But—but I don't understand," she protested weakly.

"You raised five hundred pounds, didn't you, Mrs. Norwood, and someone took it?"

"Y—yes," she admitted in a whisper.

"Then someone owes you five hundred pounds and we want you to accept this cheque in settlement of the debt."

"Oh, no, Mr. Brandon, I couldn't do that!" she protested vigorously. "You see, the person who took the money has owned up to it and has promised to pay it all back. I feel sure he will keep his word."

"He will, Mrs. Norwood, if I know Trevor," Marwell Brandon agreed.

Thelma Norwood caught her breath. "Then you know, Mr. Brandon?" she queried.

"Yes," he continued. "Trevor told me the whole story, and I have faith in him, not just because he is finding a place in our family circle, but because I believe he is sincere in his repentance and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ."

"He impressed me that way, too," admitted Mrs. Norwood. "After all, it wasn't easy for him to come and own up to what he had done."

"Trevor has courage," the pastor declared. "And he is going to need it all when he tries to work out his future. We thought that if you could tell him that the old debt is paid, he would be able to make a clean start."

"But what about Lionel?" queried Charles. "What would he think of the proposition?"

Maxwell Brandon smiled confidently. "Lionel is quite happy to think that the money could be used to help a young man make good."

"I'm sure he would be," Charles maintained.

But Mrs. Norwood was still worried. "What am I going to do with the money if I take it?" she demurred.

The pastor's reply was quick and definite. "We would expect you to use it for the original purpose for which your five hundred pounds were intended, Mrs. Norwood."

"For the hall fund?" she exclaimed. "No, Mr. Brandon, I certainly couldn't do that when the manse is so badly in need of repair!"

"But Mrs. Norwood!"

"No!" she said decisively. "I've got the solution! I'll consult with my ladies' committee and ask them to transfer the money to the manse fund."

"Excellent idea!" cried Charles enthusiastically.

"But what if the ladies don't agree, Mrs. Norwood?" queried Margaret Brandon.

"They will," declared Mrs. Norwood confidently. "As a matter of fact, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon, Charles and I will be very happy to take this opportunity to repay you in some small way for all you have done for us."

"I don't know whether we've done very much for you," replied Maxwell Brandon.

"Indeed you have!" Thelma Norwood insisted. "You have shown us what it really means to be a Christian, a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Yes," agreed Charles solemnly, "you have set our feet on the narrow way that leads to life—abundant life!"

"We have only been instruments in God's hand," the pastor said reverently. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes!"

The Norwoods nodded assent. "The Lord has certainly used you in a wonderful way," reflected Charles. "Although things haven't been easy for you at Southdown Grove."

"Perhaps not," Maxwell Brandon admitted thoughtfully, "but we always felt that the Lord had a purpose in sending us to Southdown Grove."

"And now you are seeing it fulfilled in so many lives!" exclaimed Thelma Norwood.

"It has been abundantly worth while," the pastor went on, "even though we were called upon to pass through the strait gate and walk the narrow way."

"That was the text of the first sermon you gave at Southdown Grove, Pastor, do you remember?" Charles meditated.

"Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Charles Norwood reached out and took his wife's hand in his, while their faces radiated the joy that was in their hearts. "And because God sent you to Southdown Grove," he said thankfully, "we are among the few!"

Nancy's Song

I have a Friend—a Friend Who never fails me,
I have a peace, a joy no cloud can dim,
In Christ my Lord, Who gave His life to save me—
Oh, won't you come and give your heart to Him?
He'll give you all you're hungering soul desireth,
For only He can fully satisfy,
Then come to Him, in simple faith, believing,
And all your need I know, He will, He will supply.

I have a Friend—a Friend Who walks beside me,
I have a blessed fellowship Divine,
With Christ my Lord, Who never, never leaves me,
Oh, how I wish you knew this Friend of mine!
He is the One Who loves above all others,
Who longs to make you now His very own;
Then, won't you heed His loving invitation:
"Come unto Me, oh, wanderer— come home, come home!"

I have a Friend—a Friend who leads and guides me,
I have a Light upon my upward way,
For Christ my Lord sheds His own glory round me,
A heavenly radiance, brighter than the day.
And so if you are groping in the shadows,
Or if the path is dark that you must tread,
The Saviour's presence banishes the darkness,
And by His hand you will be safely, safely led.

I have a Friend—a Friend Who will be near me,
In life, in death—whatever time may bring,
For Christ my Lord has trod the way before me,
And e'en in death's dark valley I can sing.
Oh, would you know this blessed, sweet assurance,
The peace that comes with pardon, sins forgiven?
Then trust Him now, accept His full salvation,
For He alone is all our Hope—our Hope of heaven.

THE END

To Our Readers!

This issue of the Mennonite Observer completes the story, "Strait is the Gate" by Marjorie Buckingham. We trust you have enjoyed reading it.

In the next issue we will begin another interesting story. Be sure not to miss any part of it. We hope you will derive a blessing from the reading of it.



Sponsors Needed for Hong Kong School Children



Educational assistance program: Kwong Kwak school in Hong Kong. The pupils are children of refugee families, coolies and fisher-folk. The parents of two-thirds of these children cannot pay two dollars a month tuition.

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Individual sponsorship of school children in Hong Kong is being initiated by MCC through its Hong Kong Educational Assistance Program. The new plan will enable sponsors to support a child in a Hong Kong school for \$3 per month. Former MCC educational assistance was on a group basis.

It is estimated that about 60,000 children in Hong Kong are not in school because they cannot afford the small cost of tuition, uniforms

and books. There are no free public schools in Hong Kong.

Under the new assistance program \$36 will support a child in one of several selected schools for a year. Sponsors will receive reports and pictures of the children they are supporting.

Two hundred and fifty sponsors are needed for the Educational Assistance Program this year. Persons interested in participating in the program should write to J. N. Byler, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa.

A Life for Christ in India
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Immediately after completing school he started work in the mission hospital at Wanaparty, doing any kind of work. After several years of work, he was sent to a government hospital to take a course in compounding medicines in order to resume his work at the Wanaparty hospital in a larger capacity as soon as he successfully completed the course.

During his school days in the Wanaparty mission school, Isaac accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and was baptized upon faith in Jesus Christ. With this experience of salvation he received the love and joy of Christ into his heart and surrendered his life for service to God and men. He attended Bible school for three years to become acquainted with God's Word. He married early and has a family of seven children—five boys and two girls. His wife attended Bible school and is a Bible woman.

After having served as a compounder with other responsibilities for about 20 years, he qualified as a medical doctor in homeopathic medicines. Later his interests in modern medicines developed and last year he was registered as a medical practitioner with the government.

Outstanding in the life of Brother P. B. Isaac is his devotion above all to the Lord and then to the ones he works with and serves. His personality captures rich and poor, old and young alike. There is no work too inferior for him and no one too low for him to help. On the other hand, he is asked to dine with the elite of the town. He was born in the lowest caste, is fair, well-built in appearance and straightforward in all his dealings. He has gained many friends in the government and has been taken aside by high caste people several times and asked not to say that he comes from the low caste, but that he is a high caste man.

Being a man of deep Christian

principles, Brother Isaac has witnessed time and again of what the Lord has done for him and, though of the lowest caste, the Lord has raised him up and he is happy to serve Him. He has gained the respect of most if not all of the officials in town and wherever he is known.

Recently, when a false group of so-called Christians rose up against him and falsely accused him in court, he said, "Did not Christ suffer far more than this for me?" He appeared in court and when the witnesses who had been bribed to bring false testimony against him saw that it was Dr. Isaac, they said, "We did not know it was you. We thought it was another 'Isaac.' We withdraw, for we have received only good from your hand."

After several such postponements, the right witnesses were finally to appear. But these were also false and their witness was totally untrue. The verdict of the court was that never before had they had a case in which one side was completely false and the other completely innocent. The judge said, "Let's give him a clap," and the whole house clapped for Dr. Isaac and his group.

With his willingness to do any kind of work and that with all his heart, he proves to be a continual inspiration to the staff. On one occasion the washer woman decided that some of the hospital clothes were too dirty to wash and sat down refusing to work. Without many words, Dr. Isaac rolled up his pant legs and went to work himself. Before very long the women fell at his feet, begging him to stop, they would gladly resume their duties.

The cheerfulness and love with which he surmounts any difficulties makes a terrific impact upon the patients whom he continually seeks to help. Not only does he devote his time to the patients and work in the hospital by day and often by night as well, but he is an active member of the church and field association. For many years he has been and still is a deacon in the church. At present he is the leader of the Wanaparty Church, treasurer of the Field Association and member of the Governing Council.

He speaks at the evangelistic meetings at the Wanaparty hospital twice a week and gets others to speak. He never fails to put before the patients and attendants their need of a Saviour and gives them the opportunity to make their desire to be saved known. Many show their desire either by lifting their hand or standing to their feet.

During the noon hour, when the sun beats down hardest and the rest of the staff is resting, he is often seen doing something extra for a very sick man, woman or child, or giving the Word of God to someone close to the borderline or praying with a discouraged one.

Many a time I have stood in amazement at what the grace of God is doing with the life of our

dear brother, Dr. Isaac.

When I felt I should be a source of inspiration to him, I found myself drawing upon his wonderful resources of love, faith and hope. Well may it be said of him: "For me to live is Christ!"

Margaret Willems

The Pastor, the Church and Missions

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Atlantic the missionary movement also had a spiritual origin. Missionary spirit and achievements are the outcome of time of spiritual quickening.

How may a home pastor promote the spiritual power and fruitfulness of the movement for world evangelization? First of all by making his church a spiritual church. The energy, volume and quality of the missionary activity of the church depend upon the purity of its own life. We must, then, have a Christian faith and life of such purity as to be worth propagating and having the power to propagate itself.

By making his own church a praying church the home pastor may augment the spiritual power and fruitfulness of the foreign missionary movement. Prayer and missions are inseparable. Jesus Christ has shown with great clearness and force by precept, command and example that He recognizes the greatest need of the enterprise of world-wide evangelization to be prayer. The greatest need of the church of Jesus Christ today is men and women who can pray. The church could rule and change circumstances from the prayer room if it had but the vision and would take time to pray.

Everything vital to the missionary enterprise hinges upon prayer. The opening of the difficult fields depend upon prayer. To batter down the walls of opposition, persecution and peril prayer is sufficient as it is essential. Are more workers needed? Prayer is the secret of securing them. Is it money that is needed? Again prayer is the effective tool. Is greater efficiency needed in all the missionary agencies? Prayer will do much to increase this desired efficiency. The greatest need of today is an ever-increasing army of intercessors who cry to God day and night. The pastor is to be first of all a mighty man of prayer who leads his people on to be a praying force.

Let me conclude with the statement that the pastor must be filled with the spirit of missions. Then every discourse and prayer and personal conversation will give forth missionary impulse and life. He knows that to achieve any purpose among the people, that purpose must be made part of his own being. If the pastors are on fire with missionary passion, the churches will also be kindled with missionary passion.

—M. B. Board of Missions

NEWS from HERE and THERE

Negro Children's Visit

Moundridge, Kans. — Two groups of Negro children from Gulfport, Miss., went to Central Kansas communities to spend two weeks with farm families in a project sponsored by the General Conference Mennonite Church. Mennonite Churches in the Moundridge, Goessel, Buhler and Inman communities are participating. The children range in age from 10 to 14 and have been reached through the Christian Community Center in Gulfport.

Appointed Justice of the Peace

John P. Loewen of Altona, Man., has been appointed Justice of the Peace in the province of Manitoba. The appointment was made on July 12 by the Hon. Erick F. Willis, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. He will be taking over his duties toward the end of August. Hearings will take place in the Altona town council chambers.

Young Farmer Dies in Combine Accident

Arthur, Ill. — A well attended funeral was held at the Mennonite church here on July 23 for Marvin E. Miller, 21-year-old farmer, who was fatally injured in a combine accident on July 19.

Marvin's young wife Martha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hershberger, found him lying unconscious beside the combine and the motor of the tractor still running. He was rushed to St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur and then to Memorial Hospital in Springfield, but he passed away early in the morning on July 20.

It is believed Marvin was hit on the head by a heavy spring, which caused severe concussion. He is survived by his grief-stricken wife, one child and many close relatives.

Potato Growers Meet

Vancouver — The place of the grower in a changing potato industry, is the theme of the fifth Canadian potato industry conference here. The keynote address was given by W. E. Kroeker, prominent Manitoba grower-processor. Crop prospects for 1961 and related statistics on 1960 production were detailed by speakers from each province.

Dr. C. W. Farstad, director of the plant protection division of the federal department of agriculture, discussed the importance of maintaining high quality seed for the commercial grower, and a panel of growers reviewed the selling of seed and commercial potatoes.

During the conference delegates toured the \$600,000 grower-owned grading and storing warehouse of

the B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board, said to be one of the most modern in Canada.

17 Circuits Around the Globe

The 26-year-old Soviet Major Gherman Stepanovich Titov made more than 17 circuits of the globe or about 435,000 miles with his 10,407 pound Vostok II craft. His space flight began at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 6, and he landed 25 hours and 18 minutes later, about 450 miles south of Moscow.

Circling the globe every 88.6 minutes, Titov swung in an orbit which reached a maximum altitude of 257 kilometers (159.59 miles) and a minimum of 178 kilometers.

Yuri Gagarin's flight, made on April 12, had a maximum height of 188 miles and a minimum of 110 miles.

While in the spaceship, Mr. Titov slept full eight hours and had three meals. He was in a happy mood throughout the trip.

Good Sugar Beet Crop Prospects

The approximately 3,000 acres of sugar beets in southeastern Manitoba apparently suffered none of the ill effects of the recent six-week drouth that caused heavy damage to most crops in the area. In fact, farmers are looking for an exceptional beet harvest. The area's potato harvest, presently under way, varies from good to fair.

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YOUTH IN ACTION

"Lazarus" Finds Help

The Young People's meeting held in the Steinbach M. B. church on August 2 was a source of information and inspiration. Brother Jake M. Klassen, who recently returned from his work for the MCC in Korea, gave a detailed and thought-provoking talk. In order to introduce us to the field in Korea, Brother Klassen used the story of the rich man and Lazarus as related in Luke 16:19-31. South Korea is overpopulated, its people poverty-stricken. Only 20% of the land is arable and the population totals 23 million. Economically speaking, the Koreans are poor. Politically they are weak since their country has been overrun by invaders many times during its history of 4000 years. In addition to this, Communism is in control of North Korea. Spiritually speaking, Korea is in darkness, only 7% are Christian. "Poor Lazarus! And you rich man in America, how open to this need are your eyes?"

The MCC gives material aid to the needy. Clothing, bedding and food are distributed to city and country institutions. In addition to this some 8,000 people receive one hot meal daily at the feeding stations.

The Mennonite Vocational School for orphan boys from 14 to 24 years

of age is another important field of work. On this 72-acre farm trades like carpentry, printing and agriculture are taught. After six years of instruction, the graduates go into the villages with more zeal and a good knowledge of new methods. Many boys also experience the saving power of Christ during their stay at MVS.

A third phase of the MCC work is the sewing school for widows. Each year 12 widows with children are brought to this school. When the 12-month course is completed, each widow receives a new sewing machine. This enables them to make a living, where otherwise they would be compelled to beg and steal for a living. The women also hear the gospel.

The Hospital Advisory Service is another branch of MCC work, in which Christian nurses serve in hospitals in order to upgrade the standard of nursing. The Korean nurses possess the knowledge of nursing procedures, but they do not put it into practice.

Through workers like Brother and Sister Klassen, MCC strives to give "Lazarus" the supplies from the rich man—money, materials, workers. In the future, the Klassens will work at the MCC headquarters, Akron Pa. May God bless their efforts.

ruft uns die Stimme," "All in the April Evening," "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts," and "Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein reines Herz." A male octet, under the direction of Mr. Schroeder sang the beautiful hymn, "Dank sei dir, Herr." As a special feature in the program, Mr. Schroeder spent a few minutes in teaching the children a chorus, "This is My Father's World" and singing the German hymn, "O Gnadensthrone," for the audience.

The guest speaker on this occasion was Rev. Henry Derksen. As a basis for his sermon he read Romans 12:1,2, emphasizing the words, "that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." He pointed out the importance of making right decisions in life and posed the questions, "What is the will of God for us? How can we know the will of God?"

In answering these questions, Rev. Derksen remarked that people are hindered in knowing the will of God by refusing to ask His will at all times and through ignorance of God's Word. The will of God, he said, is primarily that mankind believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and dedicate itself to holiness and obedience to God. Rev. Derksen closed his message with solemn exhortation to the congregation to submit their lives to Him, Who has been so merciful to them.

Returned Missionary Speaks at Song Festival

By Jake Loewen, Rivers Camp, Man

"One reason for the extensive role occupied by congregational and choir singing in our Mennonite churches is the fact that children are being encouraged, at an early age, to join choir groups," remarked returned missionary, the Rev. Henry Derksen, at the recent song festival of the Western Manitoba M. B. churches.

The festival, held in the spacious new Whitewater Mennonite Church in Boissevain on July 30, climaxed the two-week training course conducted by Mr. Jacob Schroeder of Hepburn, Sask. Seventy-seven members from the Alexander, Brandon, Justice, Boissevain, and Lena districts blended their voices in a spiritually uplifting presentation of songs of praise, thanks and supplication unto God. "Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return," was the invitation expressed in the opening choir number. This was followed by the reading of Psalm 118:15 by the chairman, Rev. A. Froese, pastor of the local M. B. Church. Mr. Bill Poetker of Lena led in the invocation.

The program included the mass choir rendition of: "Wachet auf,

The choir concluded the program with the singing of "And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's Messiah.

Columbia Bible Camp Reports Successful Program

Beautiful Columbia Bible Camp, nestled at the foot of the towering mountains which form the Columbia Valley deep in the Coastal Range of British Columbia, has been the scene of happy activity in the past four weeks. Two camps for boys and two for girls, aged 9 to 10 and 11 to 12, have been concluded with a total of 375 campers in attendance. Rev. Nick Dyck, camp director, reports a successful, blessed time.

Program

The program is Bible-centred and includes many activities to give the counsellor and camper the opportunity to study and practice the "way of life." Included in the round of activities are hiking, swimming, boating, fireside and Bible lessons. The varied sports program is under the able direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Braun, presently of California. Speakers for the blessed evening chapel services were Rev. Peter Boschman, Rev. J. Neufeld, Mrs. Abe Esau and Mrs. Irma Sawatsky. The underlying purpose of the camp is to present Christ to the campers.

Results

Among the gratifying results are the happy experiences of campers who gained assurance of salvation, 18, Blaine, Wash.; Sept. 20-21, some finding Christ for the first time. The campers were also encouraged to form the habit of personal devotions and making prayer more meaningful. Christians were reminded that the true purpose of life is to be a witness everywhere. Many dedicated their lives to Christ.

Note of Thanks

We are particularly thankful that God has richly blessed this work in transforming the lives of individuals and answering the many prayers of parents, counsellors and church members. The churches have backed up the work by providing food such as pastries, canned goods, vegetables and fruit. Many individuals have sacrificed time, money and efforts in the total program of the camp.

The Camp Continues

Prayer is solicited for the camping program, which continues for another four weeks in which 13 and 14-year-olds and young people will participate. The blessing and guidance of God must be present to make this time successful.

The building program is also continuing, although at a reduced rate. That calls for more sacrifices from more interested persons.

Hugo Friesen

Do Apricots Produce Longevity?

A Canadian nurseryman and seed expert has travelled half way around the world to find the reason for the exceptional long life of the people of the State of Hunza.

John Tobe, of St. Catharines, Ontario, describes Hunza as a little place high in the hills in a forgotten pocket wedged in between Pakistan, Afghanistan and China. It is commonplace for people there to live to be 100 years old. Sickness is rare and nobody ever needs a dentist. Men are in their prime at 70.

One doctor looks after the entire population of 30,000 and he has time on his hands. Tobe asked this doctor for the secret of the longevity of the Hunzas, and got the medical opinion that it must be the diet. "And Westerners eat too much. The Hunza people eat only enough to sustain themselves."

Discussing the question with the Mir of Hunza, who is the head of State, Tobe was told "It is quite common for my people to live to be 100. Probably diet is the reason. My people live largely on uncooked apricots."

After a good deal of study and extensive travel through Hunza, Mr. Tobe says: "To the Hunzans, the apricot is the staff of life upon which they lean heavily. Of the many thousands of apricot trees that bear fruit all through Hunza, never did I see a single fruit go to waste."

"If the family on whose land the fruit is growing could not consume the entire fresh crop, the fruit was split open, the pit removed and the flesh was then put out to dry in the sun. These dried apricots were then consumed all through the winter until the next fresh crop."

Tobe found the long-lived Hunzas do not use the dried apricots for baking or stewing, as we do, but simply add water and knead until a thick emulsion is formed, which they drink. "This forms a staple food of the Hunzans during the winter and early spring."

Tobe looked into the quality of the fruit in Hunza and states the Hunza apricot is not a special variety or unusual in any way. "I would like to state unequivocally that apricots grown in British Columbia are generally superior in size, quality, color and flavor to those I ate or saw growing anywhere in Hunza," Tobe said.

The Ontario nurseryman points out the apricot tree is native to the Hunza part of Asia, and the Hunzans have been relying on this fruit probably for centuries to sustain their extremely good health and long life.

"If the people of Hunza can retain their vigor, health and long life by a preponderant diet of apricots, then the rest of the world might do well to follow their example."

—Selected

EDUCATION

SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

Nurses in Paraguay Have Eventful Tour

(Continued from page 1)

By nightfall we had reached the Mennonite settlement of Sommerfeld at Caaguazu. We went to the small hospital there, where the nurses and cook had to do some fast working and planning to put us all up for the night. They had only one patient in the hospital, so we filled the house.

After a good breakfast next morning we bade goodbye to the hospital staff and continued on our way. In a few hours we were at the famous Presidente Stroessner Bridge, connecting Paraguay and Brazil. It is still far from finished; only a wooden cross-walk connects the Paraguayan and Brazilian sides. For the last four months no work has been done on it, presumably due to lack of money.

Crossing the Parana River on a nutshell motorboat was quite an experience for the girls. They had doubts about the safety of the venture and stepped into the boat rather hesitatingly.

Magnificent Falls

In Fos de Iguazu we found a good hotel with reasonable rates and stayed there until the next day. After a big, five-course dinner at the hotel—another new experience for the girls—we went some 20 miles by bus to the magnificent Iguazu Falls. Time was too short to drink in all the beauty and grandeur. We sang, "How Great Thou Art," with new meaning. After another gala supper and a good night's rest at this clean hotel, we returned to Paraguay.

At a speed of about 40 mph. we headed for Bergtal Caaguazu, where we had announced our arrival to the Braun girls, who operate a small, neat hospital there. We had travelled for about half an hour when we hit a bad stretch of road, likely moist from sub-surface water. Coming down a steep hill the car began to sway, but the driver managed to keep it on the road until we were through the valley, where the road was elevated and deep embankments lurked on either side.

Auto Accident

On the next hill the driver lost control of the pickup and we hit the side of the hill which had been excavated to level the road. Fortunately, we were traveling at a low speed of 15 to 20 mph. After the car stopped and everybody recovered from the shock, we looked about to see who was hurt.

One of the nurses who sat behind the cab was bleeding from two small lacerations of the eyelids and had a fractured upper jaw. Others suffered bumps, bruises and small abrasions. We were thankful that God had held His hand over us. The seldom used first aid kit came in very handy at this time.

As we worked to stop the bleeding, another pickup came down the slope at a great speed. Our driver and my husband, Dr. Kaethler, ran ahead to warn the driver to stop. With difficulty he brought the car to a halt without crashing into the hill or into our vehicle. Behind them another jeep stopped in the same manner. These people now came to help us fix our pickup. The right bumper and fender were pushed into the front wheel. With the help of planks, logs and some tools the damage was finally repaired so that our vehicle could move on.

Meeting with Ambassador

One of the helpers, a kindly middle-aged man, took special interest in us as he diligently put his hands to the heavy work. When he found out that we were Mennonites, his face lit up and said, "If you are Mennonites, you know Akron, Pa., and Bill Snyder, Bob Miller, C. L. Graber and Orie Miller. I know them all, they are very good friends of mine."

The speaker, we learned, was Dr. Plate, the Paraguayan ambassador to the USA. He was on a short mission in Paraguay and had brought along his son and two American boys. They had just seen Iguazu Falls. It was a strange way to get acquainted with the Paraguayan ambassador to the USA.

In Bergtal, Caaguazu, Dr. Kaeth-

Examination Results in German Spelling and German Grammar of Mennonite Public Schools in Manitoba

There were 1925 pupils of grades 3 to 8 who wrote the German Spelling examinations. Sixty-six schools have sent in the results. In some schools two, three or more rooms wrote these exams. Grades 1 and 2 did not write tests in German. Six hundred and twenty-eight students of grades 7 to 9 wrote the German Grammar test.

		German Spelling Grades III—VIII.		
Grade	No. of Pupils	No. of Pupils under 50%	No. of Pupils from 50%-74%	No. of Pupils from 75%-100%
3	343	60 — 17.5%	115 — 33.5%	168 — 49%
4	334	28 — 8.3%	61 — 24.3%	225 — 67.4%
5	343	30 — 9%	74 — 21.5%	239 — 69.5%
6	328	35 — 10.7%	75 — 22.2%	218 — 66.5%
7	313	26 — 8.3%	69 — 22%	218 — 69.7%
8	264	29 — 10.4%	62 — 23.5%	173 — 65.5%
Total	1925	208 — 10.8%	476 — 24.6%	1241 — 64.6%

		German Grammar Grades VII—IX.		
Grade	No. of Pupils	No. of Pupils under 50%	No. of Pupils from 50%-74%	No. of Pupils from 75%-100%
7	319	65 — 20.7%	118 — 37.7%	136 — 41.6%
8	261	46 — 17.6%	90 — 34.8%	125 — 48.6%
9	48	—	14 — 29.1%	34 — 70.9%
Total	628	11 — 17.6%	222 — 35.4%	295 — 47%

Teachers and pupils have done very good work in these subjects. Grade 3 had more failures than the other grades. This is due to the fact that Grade 3 really writes German for the first year. In spelling two thirds of the pupils in most grades passed with honors. The marks in grammar are satisfactory. The good results should encourage teachers and pupils to keep on doing systematic work in learning the second language. In the coming school year we plan to prepare examinations in spelling, grammar and conversational German.

Rev. H. D. Derksen to Teach in Bible School

Missionary Henry D. Derksen, Boissevain, Man., who returned from the Congo early in July will move to Coaldale, Alta., where he will be teaching in the local M. B. Bible School.

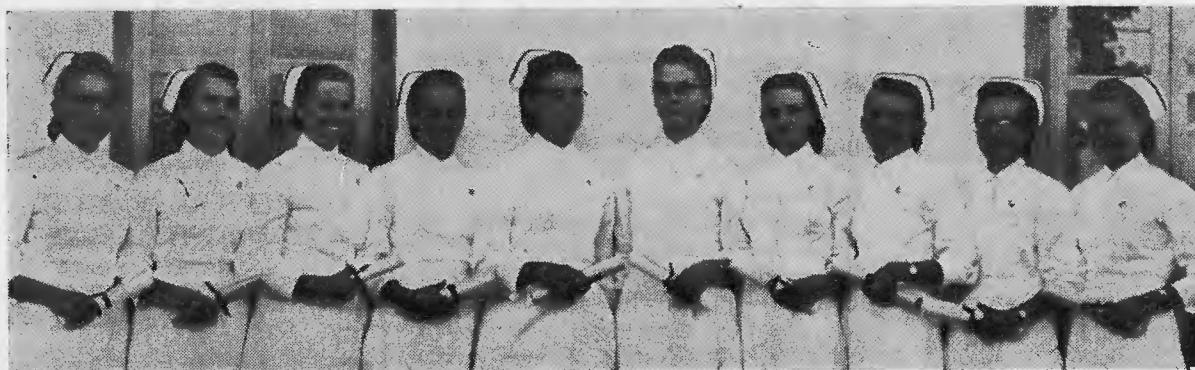
Visit Hospitals

In Asuncion we toured many hospitals with the girls. We saw some beautiful, clean places, such as the Baptist Missionary Hospital, but also some saddening sights, such as the mental hospital and the university hospitals. However, on the whole there is improvement in sanitation and some fine new buildings are going up. The Tuberculosis Sanatorium Bella Vista is a modern, well-kept hospital.

One day we went out to the Leprosy Mission, where the workers under Dr. Art and Mrs. Milly Klassen from Winnipeg, Man., are carrying on the work in the absence of Dr. John Schmidt.

On the way we passed the famous Caacupe Mountain, which devout Catholics climb on their knees every December 8 to do penance for their sins. The girls wanted to climb a mountain at least once in their lives, so we went up, not on our knees, of course.

After 13 days full of adventure and new experiences, we returned to Menno to our work, with many things to ponder and tell about.



These are the first ten graduate nurses from a 2-year nursing course offered at the Menno Colony Hospital in Paraguay.

Bienenberg Choir to Tour USA and Canada

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The itinerary of the choir is as follows: Aug. 10-20, Eastern Pennsylvania; Aug. 22-24, Ontario; Aug. 25, Archbold, Ohio; Aug. 27, Goshen, Ind.; Aug. 28, Chicago; Aug. 30, Kalona, Iowa; Aug. 31, Mountain Lake, Minn.; Sept 1, Freeman, S.D.; Sept. 3-5, Manitoba; Sept 7-8, Saskatchewan; Sept 10-12, Alberta; Sept. 14-17, British Columbia; Sept. 18, Braine, Wash.; Sept 20-21, Oregon; Sept 24-26, California; Sept. 29, LaJunta, Colo.; Oct 1-4, Kansas; Oct. 6, Henderson, Neb.; Oct. 8, Oklahoma; Oct. 11 Metamora, Ill.; Oct 12, Berne, Ind.; Oct. 13, Bluffton, Ohio; Oct. 14-15, Western Pennsylvania; Oct 16, Harrisonburg, Va.; Oct 17-20, Eastern Pennsylvania.

The European Mennonite Bible School opened in 1950 as the result of efforts of French, German and Swiss Mennonites in cooperation with North American Mennonites through the Mennonite Central Committee. In its program of training young people for work in European churches the school offers four-month courses in Bible, Christian ethics, church history, and the mission of the church.

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Saturday, August 19, at 10 a.m.
The Need—Look on the Field, John Peters.

Our Friendship to Others. Rev. H. R. Baerg.

1:30 p.m. — Recreation.

7:30 p.m. — Fireside, Testimonies Ye Are Witnesses. John Peters.

Sunday, August 20, at 10 a.m.
Rightly Dividing the Word. John Peters.

Our Friendship to the Word. Rev. H. R. Baerg.

2:00 p.m. Discussion. Question and Answer Period.

Principles of Leadership.

Qualities of a Leader.

The Challenge—Destroying Satan's Work. John Peters.

All young people, youth workers, Sunday school teachers, nurses, etc. are welcome to attend this conference, designed especially to meet their need.

Dave Loewen, Camp Director

Contact Billy Graham

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meeting with Billy Graham to tell the Mennonite brotherhood how it can more effectively fulfill its evangelistic mission through 1-W service. Plans are being made for Mennonite leaders to meet for an informal session with Dr. Graham at that time.

The 1-W Board also expressed genuine concern that over the years Mennonites have been primarily interested in maintaining the Biblical peace position within the brotherhood and neglected opportunities to share this message of the cross with other evangelical groups. The Board therefore resolved to support and encourage the MCC brotherhood to seek opportunity to share with the leadership of Youth for Christ, the National Association of Evangelicals and other evangelical groups the Biblical imperative for the Christian non-resistant witness.

These actions were taken as Mennonite 1-W directors and representatives met July 26 and 27 to plan coordination of services for effective 1-W witness. Mennonite Brethren Church 1-W interest was

represented by Dwight Wiebe, Conference Christian Service Secretary.

In addition to these resolutions, the Board:

1. Note that 20 1-W's from one conference contribute all earnings above cost of living to missions.

2. Reviewed the 1-W contribution to city churches.

3. Discussed the opportunity for Christian impact in hospitals and secular institutions which have been neglected by the church in the past.

4. Called upon each conference to spell out to the churches the importance of a personal experience with Christ if 1-W service is to be meaningful.

5. Felt challenged by the question of where the warring world shall find peace if the church fails to reveal Christ.

6. Requested the M. B. office to write a new pamphlet presenting the challenge of Christian action in time of preparation for war.

—M. B. Board of General Welfare

Festival for Seniors

The annual Festival for Seniors, 60 years of age and over, is to be held at the Burwalde Bible Camp near Winkler on Sunday, August 27 at 10 in the morning and 1:30 in the afternoon (CST).

Rev. C. C. Peters, Clearbrook, B.C., is to be our guest speaker and singing groups are to serve with special songs. This invitation is not limited to M. B. church members; others who wish to have fellowship with us are welcome too and also those who have not reached the age of 60.

Please bring lunch with you. Hot water will be supplied.

Greetings with Psalm 91:14-16.

D. D. Derksen
Aron Peters

Fraser Valley Campaign to be Held

Abbotsford, B.C. — The West Abbotsford Mennonite Church has taken the initiative in inviting evangelist George R. Brunk back to Abbotsford this year.

After the very successful campaign in July, 1958, it was felt that

a return of Mr. Brunk would be helpful to individuals as well as to the church as a whole.

The campaign is to take place in the auditorium of the MEI in Clearbrook. It will be sponsored by the seven churches supporting the institution. Meetings will begin September 3 and continue until September 10 or 12.

The sponsoring churches recently held a meeting to finalize plans for the services. Instruction classes for counselors began August 1 and will be held weekly until the campaign starts. Cottage prayer groups have also been organized.

Ministers' Retreat and "Altenfest" Planned

A ministers' retreat at the Assiniboine Mission Camp will begin Friday, August 25, and continue on Saturday. Rev. J. D. Adrian will present two addresses at the retreat.

An "Altenfest" will be held on Sunday afternoon, August 27. Older folks from all the Manitoba churches are invited to attend. Rev. G. G. Neufeld of Whitewater will be the speaker.

CFAM Applies for FM Licence

Officials of Radio Station CFAM announced that they are seeking permission to establish an FM (Frequency Modulation) broadcasting outlet. Representatives of the station will appear before the Board of Broadcast Governors in Ottawa at a public hearing on August 22. The licence, if granted, would make CFAM-FM the most powerful Canadian FM station west of Toronto.

Establishment of the station would require the erection of a 550-foot antenna at St. Norbert, Man. The signal strength would be 110,000 watts, sufficient to cover basically the same area now served by the AM outlet.

Programming would be separate from that of CFAM-AM for the better part of the day. The FM outlet would make use of its high fidelity qualities to further expand the station's already well-established good music policy.

CFAM, a privately owned station, has received much acclaim for the unusually large amount of time it devotes to public service and to the development of local talent on a high cultural level. An FM broadcasting channel would enable the station to increase these services on a system that is practically interference-free, with reception equal in quality to the performance of high-priced phonograph equipment.

CFAM began broadcasting on March 13, 1957, at a power of 1,000 watts. An increase to 5,000 watts was granted by the Board of Broadcast Governors in November, 1958, and a further increase to 10,000 watts in October, 1960. The station operates 24 hours a day.

To Teach at Minnesota State College

Dr. Victor Peters, formerly of Winkler, will join the Department of History of the Minnesota State College, Moorehead, Minn. Mr. Peters, who received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba and his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Goettingen, Germany, is at present lecturing in History at the University of Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters are both graduates of the Winkler High School. He is known locally through his Low German program over CFAM. They have two children, Karl and Rosmarie (Bambi). The latter plans to enrol as a student at the State College.

New Bible Institute Building Progressing

Construction on the new Swift Current Bible Institute is progressing favorably, according to Oliver Heppner, chairman of the board. The sod-turning ceremony took place on April 9. Rev. Abe Neufeld, pastor of the Zion Mennonite Church, conducted the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Hans Dyck, Oliver Heppner, and Rev. Werner Zacharias, school principal. The building faces Highway No. 4. The school board reports that the furnaces have been installed, most of the wiring in the basement has been done and the basement partitions are up.

The institute will begin its 26th year of instruction this fall. The official school opening and dedication services are scheduled to take place on October 22, 1961.

ON THE HORIZON

August 8-17. — Third Children's Camp at Arnes.

August 18-20. — Youth leadership conference at Camp Arnes, Man. Special speakers: H. R. Baerg, Winnipeg, and John Peters, formerly of the Back to the Bible Broadcast staff in Europe.

August 19-20. — Young Married Couples Retreat at the Assiniboine Mennonite Mission Camp.

August 20 to September 4. — Open Camping at Camp Arnes.

August 20-22. — United States M. B. Conference at Gnadenau M. B. church in Hillsboro.

August 25, 26. — Ministers' retreat at the Assiniboine Mennonite Mission Camp, Headingley, Man.

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