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"For I decided to know
nothing among you
except Jesus Christ
and him crucified."
I Cor. 2:2

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Wiens Family Returning for Furlough



Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Wiens and children: Mimi, 3, Rebecca, 9, Marcia, 5, and Glenn, 11.

The Frank J. Wiens family will arrive in the United States in November for a three-month furlough from Asuncion, Paraguay, where Mr. Wiens serves as South American MCC director.

Their return marks the completion of another five-year term of helping our refugee brethren establish themselves in South America. During their furlough, the Wienses will visit Akron MCC headquarters and relatives and friends in California and other points. They are members of the Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church. In February they plan to return to Paraguay with

visits to various mission stations in Central and South America.

On August 30, Brother and Sister Wiens and their four children quietly observed their 15th wedding anniversary in Asuncion. During these 15 years it has been their privilege to extend relief to war sufferers in Germany following World War II and to direct the rehabilitation of Mennonite refugees in Uruguay and Paraguay. As they review their experiences, they testify: "God has been good to us, and with Samuel of old we say: 'Ebenezer. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' We are deeply grateful to Him."

Coaldale Bible School Opening

The opening exercises of the Coaldale Bible School took place on Sunday, October 22, in the local Mennonite Brethren church.

"The Bible schools have a four-fold mission to fulfil," said Rev. A. P. Regier of the Calgary Mennonite Brethren Church, the guest speaker. "They must teach the doctrines of the Bible in contrast to the heretical half-truths which are clear testimony, they must insist on rampant today, they must elicit a life of holiness and they must press the Lord's claim for a wholly devoted and consecrated life."

The official transfer of the Bible school was also effected. It was

formerly operated by the Coaldale M. B. Church and has now become the responsibility of the Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren. Several leading brethren of the Conference spoke briefly and invoked God's blessing.

The Bible school choir sang several songs under the direction of Mr. H. P. Neufeldt, instructor in music.

The enrollment of students stands at twenty-five and instruction is given in three classes by four teachers.

M. B. Conferences Meet

Hillsboro, Kans. — Two district conferences of the Mennonite

Brethren Church held their 52nd annual sessions in October at Harvey, N.D., and Buhler, Kans.

The Central District session at Harvey was held October 7 to October 10. Rev. J. A. Froese of Mountain Lake, Minn., was the chairman of the conference, which includes the states of Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Montana, North and South Dakota.

The Southern District session took place October 20-22 at Buhler M. B. church. The district includes churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Colorado.

The Arms Race

Electronic computers do a lot of hard work. In minutes they can work out problems which would take mathematicians years to solve. According to the Canadian Army

Journal, a retired president of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences used one of these electric brains to calculate the frequency and severity of wars. Historians from England, Germany and India helped him. He found that since 3600 B.C. the world has known only 292 years of peace. During this period there have been 14,531 wars, large and small, in which 3,640,000,000 people have been killed. The value of the property destroyed would pay for a golden belt around the world 100 miles wide and thirty feet thick. Since 650 B.C. there have been 1,656 arms races, only sixteen of which have not ended in war. The remainder have ended in the economic collapse of the countries concerned. Cheerful fellows, those electronic computers.

(The Mennonite)

"Aufwiedersehen . . ."

By Peter J. Dyck



Standing on the right is Peter Bergen of British Columbia, Canada. The others are his wife, children and grandchildren, who are still in Russia. (Photo supplied by Peter J. Dyck)

"Aufwiedersehen" is a good German word, packed with meaning. "Aufwiedersehen" we called to each other as our family separated temporarily a few days ago. Now Elfrieda is in Frankfurt, Ruth in Austria, Rebecca with friends at another place in Germany, and I in Switzerland.

As we waved the last good-bye and set out in different directions, the date and place of meeting had already been agreed upon. Children

go to vacation or Bible camps, mothers sometimes remain at home, fathers are often away on business. That is a familiar pattern. It seems such a part of family life today, and we consider it normal. The happy reunion when everyone returns home again is also considered normal. When we part, we say "Aufwiedersehen" and take it for granted that we will see each other again.

EDITORIAL

Work that Counts

In God's Word we read, "Six days thou shalt labor and do all thy work" (Ex. 20:8). If man heeds this command by working ten hours during each of the six days of every week of the year, then he has an annual schedule of 3,130 hours of work. Of the remaining 5,630 hours he uses about 2,290 hours for sleep (if he sleeps 8 hours each night) and 2,1710 hours for fellowship, enjoyment, leisure and pleasure. The time which he uses for work is to be dealt with in this article.

According to a report made several years ago, there are about 40,000 kinds of jobs in America. Many of them require highly specialized training, so that only those who can meet the required conditions qualify for specific jobs. There are, however, many possibilities of selecting work which is essential and meaningful.

Sometimes an insignificant work is accepted because there is no possible choice, and yet the responsibility remains of caring for the family or other loved ones. The person concerned, however, seeks to atone for it by giving liberally of his earnings to a worthwhile cause. Children of God should never consider work which is degrading or sinful, even though it might be highly remunerative. It is inconsistent to perform deeds of iniquity and expect the Lord to bless such efforts.

The opportunities for service should be weighed by considering the essential value of the work involved; they should be viewed in the light of one's own talents and by being fully aware of other significant circumstances. A position should not be chosen primarily because it promises large financial gains, but because it offers splendid opportunities of serving God and of making Christ known to fellow men through inspiring words, kind deeds and a consistent walk. Entrusted talents should not lie dormant, but rather be fully applied in a cause which is worthy, honorable and meaningful.

Work received under the direction of God, should never become monotonous or technical, even though it may be standardized, routine and humble. Man has spiritual, intellectual, social and physical needs and no apologies are to be made for services rendered to meet these needs. Christians should remember that they serve Christ by feeding the hungry, by healing the wounded, by helping the intellectuals who are inwardly and spiritually perturbed, and by speaking words of comfort to the lonely and discouraged (Matt. 25:4; Eph. 6:5-7).

Things that are being done are of special significance and value if the practical advice of the Apostle Paul is heeded, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31).

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

Repentance of the Lukewarm Church in the End-Time

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

The process of a complete transformation penetrates the heart and means more than a mere humbling oneself before men. If someone humbles himself before a congregation he may retain a portion of impenitence, but a humiliation before God makes people upright, because they are aware of His presence Who sees their hearts. Repentance is connected with the cleansing of one's hands, for we read, "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double-minded" (James 4:8). God

will recognize His sons at the day of judgment by their hands, as it is practised in courts today when fingerprints give evidence and make identification possible. The hands of the believing are pure, because their hearts are pure. Where defilement has taken place, the followers of Jesus have to cleanse their hands, which became unclean during the time of their lukewarmness. They who began a new life and want to lift up clean hands, have to purify themselves from everything that is unclean. If they acquired things unjustly, they must be cleansed, if they have touched impure things, cleansing is not to be neglected. No stain must be left unwashed.

The relationship toward the

brethren is regulated to the extent that no evil is spoken about them. Speaking evil is abandoned because it is harmful and may ruin the reputation of another person. Double-mindedness is likewise discontinued. Thus a new beginning is made and the tongue is used in a God-pleasing way. As this happens, a deep sorrow penetrates the whole congregation, which reminds us of James 4:9, where we read, "Be afflicted and mourn, and weep, let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness." As the apostle calls upon Christians to rejoice in the Lord continually, he also calls upon the church, which has lost its joy in the Lord and indulges in worldly things, to mourn and weep. The time has come when many join in the words of Eccl. 2:2: "I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?" What kind of laughter does the Lord censure? Is it the harmless laughing as it can be heard in homes, or in social gatherings by which nobody is insulted? No, it is not a laughter of that kind. We hold the view that a serious Christian does not cease to be human. The Scriptures accentuate the laughing associated with sin or blasphemy: laughter in which the world delights when it uses jokes and jests to defile things and actions. It is also that of ridiculing the believer who has proved his loyalty to the Lord and praises Him as much as opportunity permits. There is also wicked laughing at unjust profit in trade and business. Pockets are stuffed with money which was not fairly and justly earned and the success was smirked at. There was some joy in the heart of Gehasi when he ran after Naeman to receive gifts which he had no right to claim. What grief followed his wicked laughing! A malicious joy is sometimes observed in congregations when there are factions and one is triumphing over the other. Some of the members may leave a meeting in good spirits over the victory they have won, but things change when they are led to repent, then sadness takes the place of laughter.

A revival is not only an animation of feelings but also a change of life. There cannot be any evasion of confession and a right attitude in a church. Awakening in the church is unpleasant to the old Adamic nature. Being filled with the Holy Spirit creates new life.

If the lukewarm churches among our Mennonite people will revive and change their mind, then brotherly love will be similar to that of earlier days. If that is the case, then there will be the possibility of seeing the following promise realized: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up."

In every era of the Christian church there have been believers in Jesus Christ who had not defiled their garments because they walked in deep humility. For those

who fell into self-complacency, humility before God was necessary. Let us examine ourselves and find out to what group we belong. May we heed the call of the Lord to repentance.

Abundance Received Out of God's Storehouse

Vancouver, B.C. — The Lord has showered many blessings upon us throughout the busy summer months. We may have experienced joy and prosperity, or even hardship and sorrow, but if God sent them, they were intended to be a blessing, either now or in the future. Therefore, if we but pause for a moment and think, our hearts will overflow with gratitude during this thanksgiving season.

We are pleased to announce that our dear pastor, Rev. D. B. Wiens, and his family have consented to serve us for another term, the first having expired. May we faithfully uphold them in our prayers as they labor on under the pressure of added responsibilities.

Three souls were added to the church through baptism in early fall. They are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kerfers and Miss Anna Bergen.

Our Thanksgiving Festival was held on September 24. Rev. Wiens summoned all to rejoice, according to Deut. 16:10,11: "And thou shalt keep the feast . . . with a tribute of a freewill offering . . . according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee. And thou shalt rejoice . . ." He drew our attention to the scope of rejoicing at this specific feast, including the family, the servants (both natural and spiritual), the strangers, the fatherless and the widows. Dr. M. R. DeHaan writes in one of his articles, "If your giving still hurts, you haven't given enough; give till it feels good." Could that have been the reason for the rejoicing mentioned in the text?

Rev. Henry Brucks, pastor of Yarrow M. B. Church, and guest speaker, pointed out "The Call to Give Thanks" on the grounds of Psalm 103:1-5. If we but consider all our benefits from the Lord, we

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CHURCH NEWS



Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the Fort Rouge M. B. Church, and Rev. W. G. Baerg, who returned from the Congo mission field.

Fort Rouge M. B. Church Thanksgiving

By Mrs. G. Derksen

The annual Harvest and Missions Festival, held Sunday, October 15, at the Fort Rouge M. B. church, set a new record in the history of

will not be able to refrain from giving thanks.

By a fitting custom, the afternoon was dedicated to Missions. Rev. P. R. Toews, pastor of Fraser-view M. B. Church, also guest speaker at the occasion, spoke on "The Power of Missions" with reference to Acts 1:8, I Cor. 1:18 and Heb. 4:12. He reminded us anew of the extensive power of Spirit-controlled prayer in missions.

Rev. H. Brucks followed with a message on "The Hour of Missions." He stated that the natural and spiritual thinking of man have always been contrary to each other. The world has reached a crisis in which wise counsel is needed. In Isa. 9:6 we have the answer; it is in Him, the Counselor, the Prince of Peace." Today is the hour where the answer can only be given by those who have experienced the unchangeable power of "the mighty God."

The evening service concluded our day of thanksgiving as the choir, under the direction of Ernie Enns, rendered the cantata, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," by Eugene Clark. This beautiful composition on the theme of the gospel bore a heart-searching missionary challenge that shall not be easily forgotten.

In this hour of missions it is up to us to prove the power of missions to those at our very doorstep as well as those far away.

Kathryn C. Klein

the church as more than 350 people gathered for the occasion.

Two years ago, with a membership of 60, the church celebrated its first thanksgiving at the present location. At that time Rev. J. J. Toews was the guest speaker. This year, Rev. Toews, now pastor of the church, welcomed the 180 members, their families, friends, relatives and many students.

The attendance at the services was occasion for praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful way in which God has blessed and increased the church. The growth is such that the members are already considering expansion.

Rev. W. Baerg, returned missionary from the Congo, was the guest speaker. He delivered two fine messages. In his mission address he challenged the audience to make missions the first and most important issue in life. He stressed the need for the gospel in the world today and pointed out the Christian's responsibility to meet that need.

In the morning service, the pastor spoke on "Biblical Thanksgiving" according to Eph. 5:19-21. He emphasized verse 20, where we read, "... and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." He pointed out that God permits adversity, sorrow and other things to come into the lives of His children to mold and perfect them unto that day when He shall come. According to Paul in the Epistle to the Ephesians, one is to be thankful not only for the good things in life, but also for the trying experiences.

The choir, under the direction of Wilmer Neufeld, had been busy preparing for this occasion. Their first number, "Praise to the Lord

the Almighty King of Creation," stimulated a spirit of praise and thanksgiving. Several other suitable numbers were sung. Mr. Nick Kaethler, student at the MBBC, was guest soloist.

During the noon recess the social committee, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Abe Wiens and aided by the ladies of the church, served a lunch.

At the close of the afternoon service, the members and many friends and visitors departed with hearts full of praise and a new burden to spread the gospel to the many needy souls.

Visitors Speaking at Thanksgiving Festival

Arnold, B.C. — Thanksgiving and Mission Festival of the Arnold M. B. Church took place on October 8, 1961. The thanksgiving sermon was given by Rev. David H. Neumann, principal of the Mennonite Educational Institute of Clearbrook, B.C. Rev. George Thielman, pastor of East Chilliwack M. B. Church, presented a message on missions. The combined Senior and Junior choirs, under the direction of John Balzer, rendered several very fitting numbers. A fellowship dinner was served in the church basement.

D. Ruth Schmidt

Manitoba Women Gather for Missionary Meeting

The women of the Manitoba sewing circles gathered at the Elmwood M. B. church, October 19, to hear the testimonies of missionaries from India and Germany. Rev. I. W. Redekopp presided and Mrs. B. B. Fast made the opening remarks.

The group heard Brother Corny Balzer stress the necessity for the continuation of evangelical work in Germany, especially at this precarious time. A very liberal theology has been adopted by the German churches. New cults are emerging everywhere and for many of these the Bible is no longer the criterion. After a duet rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Balzer, the latter continued with a brief report on their work among the children.

Mrs. A. A. Unruh then described the needs of the "New India." Because of many improvements in education, transportation, etc., the challenge to the missionary is now even greater than before. "After 60 years of missionary endeavor on the part of the M. B. Church," she said, "the work of evangelization is not nearly done—merely started."

Following some songs by the ladies of the "Willige Helfer Verein" and the Missionary Prayer Group of the Elmwood M. B. Church, Rev. J. J. Toews presented the various projects as drawn up by the Mission Board. Any one church group or several groups combined may assume the responsibility of these projects which include: pre-tuned transistor radio sets for the Congo, organs for Brazil, re-

ording studios for India and Africa, a chapel for the Paraguayan Mission School and literature for Europe and Japan. In his message, based on Matt. 16:21-24, Rev. J. J. Toews urged us to reveal godly compulsion in the concern for the salvation of the lost. Most lamentable, he said, was the fact that our missionary efforts at home can be carried on without any sacrifice on our part.

Proceeds of the offering that night went towards the erection of a sound proof radio studio in India.

Mary Flatt

Missions Emphasis at Winnipegosis

On October 8 the Gospel Light M. B. Church at Winnipegosis celebrated its annual Thanksgiving and Missions Festival. Our guests for this blessed occasion were Rev. W. Baerg and a male quartet from Morden. Many relatives and friends joined our group to share in the inspiration and blessings of the day.

In the morning service he emphasized, on the basis of Lev. 23:37-44, that a Thanksgiving Festival should be one of rejoicing, of sacrifice and of worship.

In the afternoon he spoke on the "Price of Missions" from Luke 14:28-30. Christ paid the initial price on the cross and we must count the cost of continuing and completing the work of spreading the gospel.

In the evening, Brother Baerg gave us a vivid description by report and slides of the conflict in the Congo where the forces of the underworld clashed with the white man's teaching and finally erupted in the wake of independence. Let us praise the Lord for the safe evacuation of our missionaries and continue to intercede for the national church in these critical days!

The quartet also sang a song in the native Lingali tongue. The Lord has opened a new door of service for these brethren. Brother Baerg and the quartet prepare and tape weekly 15-minute gospel programs in the Lingali language which are beamed from ELWA, Liberia, to all parts of the Congo. Since Lingali is the language of the army and government officials, the listening potential for this program is very large.

On Wednesday night we viewed slides on The Historical Review of M. B. Missions and films on India and Africa.

On Friday evening representatives of the Canadian Japanese Mission paid us a visit. Miss Irene Loewen and Miss Uchida challenged us with the need of reaching 23,000 Japanese living in Canada with the Gospel of Christ.

These have been days of information, inspiration and blessing. Our prayer is that God would make us more sacrificial in our giving, more devoted in our prayers, and more faithful in our service for our Master.

Thanksgiving at the Yarrow M. B. Church

The Yarrow M. B. Church is genuinely thankful to God for His wonderful leading in the eventful summer months. Our former leader was taken from us suddenly when he died in a car accident, but the Lord supplied us with another pastor by making the returned Congo missionary, Henry Brucks, willing to serve us in that capacity. The aged and the young people alike appreciate the services of Rev. Brucks and thank God for his willingness to shepherd the large flock.

Two baptismal services in spring and summer, with a total of 23 candidates, proved to us that the gospel was not preached in vain. The large Sunday school attendance is evidence that souls are still desirous for more knowledge of the precious Word of the Lord. On Sunday School Promotion Day and Wednesday night Bible study we realized that the demand for teachers was greater than the supply.

These and other reasons caused us to gather on October 8 for the annual Thanksgiving service to praise God and ask Him for more laborers in our church. After a short Sunday school session, the large auditorium, decorated for the occasion, was quickly filled with thankful people. Rev. Brucks led in the opening prayer and welcomed the congregation. Brother H. P. Neufeldt then encouraged us to praise God by reading Psalm 95:1-7 and pointing out the following three reasons for thanksgiving: 1) God is great and glorious, 2) He is our God, 3) He blesses us. A session of prayer was followed by a song from the choir. That God sustains all life on earth and gives everyone food in due season is a good reason to be thankful. He has given us enough for another year and also enough to give unto others who have not been as fortunate as we are.

Rev. Brucks read Psalm 103: 1-5 and spoke on "Biblical Thanksgiving." The occasion for thankfulness is that God bestows His benefits upon His own. The display of His bounties before us should cause praise to rise in our hearts. The possibility of gathering and worshipping God is another gift which should cause us to thank Him. All the benefits and privileges are given to us in order that we might see God and seek to glorify Him. This we may do by appearing before Him with hearts filled with praise and hands filled with gifts.

The last message of the morning was delivered by returned Congo missionary, Henry Derksen, principal of the Coaldale Bible School. He spoke on "Harvest Follows Sowing" (Gal. 6:1-9). Just as we plant vegetables in our gardens in spring and gather the fruit in fall, so we shall some day reap what we have sown here in life. He exhorted us very earnestly to sow in the Spirit

and some day reap the blessings of eternal life.

The evening service of this great day was devoted to missions, which was a logical result of the morning service. The opening was made by Rev. Aron Rempel, who read about and commented on the Lord's commission to His disciples as found in Matt. 8:16,17. The command to go and evangelize the world is to be heeded even today. Rev. Derksen then gave a detailed report on current conditions in the Congo. He stated that God is still working in our field there and that the Christians are learning to stand alone, trusting the Lord rather than depending on the white man or the missionary.

The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. Herb Brandt, Killarney Park, Vancouver. According to Nehemiah 28, Israel read God's Word, repented, wept and was asked to send portions to others after they had eaten and rejoiced. Three questions were asked and answered by the speaker. To whom shall we send? 1) To those without the gospel, 2) to our neighbors or home missions, 3) to those in heathen lands or foreign missions. Why should we send portions? 1) Because God commands it, 2) because we have more than enough, 3) because there are so many for whom nothing has been prepared. What are we going to do? 1) We can pray earnestly, 2) we can give cheerfully, 3) we can go, 4) we can surrender to God and His cause. It was a fitting and challenging message to our hearts. God knows our response, and our constituency should soon begin to feel the results.

O that we all would be really thankful and have thanksgiving every day of our life.

P. C. Tilitzky

Brief News Items

The Chamber of Commerce in Altona held its annual meeting recently. L. A. Warren was re-elected as secretary-treasurer, Dennis Barkman was elected president, and Joe Shaven was elected first vice-president.

Henry Voth, Herbert, Sask., was elected president of the Herbert Teachers' Unit at their annual convention.

John Peters, Steinbach, Man., former mission worker with the Back to the Bible Broadcast in Europe and recently transferred to the Janz Brothers Team, will be ordained as a minister of the gospel on October 29 in the Evangelical Mennonite church.

Peter J. Klassen, Abbotsford, B.C., candidate for the Ph.D. degree in history at the University of Southern California, was ap-

pointed history professor at Pacific College, Fresno, Calif.

The Morden M. B. Church held evangelistic services recently. The evangelist was Rev. H. H. Epp, Saskatoon. The results of the campaign were gratifying.

In the Elmwood M. B. church two persons were baptized on October 22, Anne Paetkau, Fort Rouge M. B. Church, and Heather Cross, Elmwood M. B. Church. Rev. I. W. Redekopp baptized the candidates and with Rev. J. J. Toews received them into the two churches, and Rev. H. R. Baerg preached a sermon on baptism.

Mrs. Amalie Leiding, 76, died October 18 at the Winnipeg Bethany Home. Prior to her stay in Winnipeg she was at the Morden Tabor Home for 9 years. Funeral services were held from the Elmwood M. B. church on October 23.

Mrs. Julius A. Klassen, 72, of 1223 Lorette Ave., Winnipeg, passed away on October 15 in her own home. Funeral services were conducted on October 17 from the First Mennonite Church. She leaves to mourn, her husband, two daughters and four sons.

Mr. John Reimer, 39, of Bremen, Ind., USA, died on September 27 while at play with his students on the school yard. He is survived by his wife, 4 children, his mother in Mexico and 6 brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held from the E. M. church at Kleefeld, Man.

Mrs. A. D. Dueck (Maria Harms) passed away at her son's home, J. H. Friesen, McTavish, on October 23, 1961, at the age of 86. Funeral services were held from the E. M. C. Church at Rosenort on October 26 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Elizabeth Froese, 75, Gruenthal, Man., passed away on October 2. Four days later funeral services were held at Gruenthal. Her husband died in 1945. She is survived by two sons and one daughter.

WEDDINGS

Woerlen—Gottschalk

Miss Margarete Gottschalk, daughter of Mrs. Anna Gottschalk, and Mr. Max Woerlen, who is active as MCC worker in Kaiserslautern, Bruchstrasse 13, West Germany, are to be married on October 28.

Klassen—Kauffman

On September 23, Marilyn Carole Kauffman was united in marriage to Leonard John Klassen at the St. George United church, Vancouver. The pastor, Rev. Berwyn Roberts, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kauffman, Van-

couver. The groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Klassen, also of Vancouver, and grandson of the late Rev. Herman Neufeld.

Attendants were Mrs. Ida Kauffman, sister-in-law of the bride, and Miss Rosemary Romanack. Mr. Mike O'Connor was best man. Ushers were Mr. Walter Epp and Mr. Doug Kauffman. The bride's cousin, little Sandra Romanack, was flower girl. The soloist was Mrs. Jacob Toews, the groom's aunt, who sang two numbers, "The Lord's Prayer" and "O Perfect Love."

After a short honey-moon trip to the south, the couple have taken up residence in Vancouver, where Len is working for the Toronto Dominion Bank as assistant accountant and Carole will take a position as secretary in a downtown office.

Shaber—Peters

On Saturday, September 30, Eleanore Peters, granddaughter of Mrs. Susanna Peters, Coaldale, and Frederick Schaber of Red Deer, Alta., were married in the Alliance church in Lethbridge. Rev. T. E. Colley officiated at the double ring ceremony. Miss June Austrang sang "Where Thou Goest," and "The Wedding Prayer." The reception was held in the Presbyterian hall. Mr. C. Westcott acted as master of ceremonies and Sheila and Frances Kethler sang two duets, "I Love You Truly" and "God Hath Not Promised." Jimmy House played a coronet solo, "Bless This House." Audrey Flickinger and June Austrang sang, "Be Thou Our Guide." Rev. Colley closed the evening by a talk on "The Abiding Joy in Christ" and asked a blessing on the new home. Guests from Gem attending the wedding were, Mrs. A. Dechant and daughters Jean and Selma, Mrs. A. Herfort and Mr. and Mrs. John Willms and son John. The couple motored to the United States for their honey-moon.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Isaak, Cando, Sask., a son on October 4. They named him Allan Keith.

Important Meeting Held

Mennonite Disaster Service and other committee members met in the Winnipeg Alexandra Hotel on Friday, October 20, in order to consider questions of vital importance at this time of crisis and urgent need. Bishop J. B. Martin of Kitchener, Ont., was chairman and Mr. Harvey Taves was secretary at the meeting. Other committee members present were Mr. Fred Peters of Chilliwack, B.C., Mr. David Neufeld of Rosemary, Alta., Mr. Waldo Lepp, Dalmeny, Sask., Mr. David Reimer, Steinbach, and Mr. C. Wilbert Loewen, Winnipeg, Man.



The Cause of Foreign Missions



Pastor M. N. Jeevarutnam with members of the Amarabad Church. With Christians and the church, it has been suggested that the name of the hamlet be changed from "place of sorrow" to "village of joy."



Pastor Jeevarutnam leads a congregational service; missionaries Paul Hiebert and J. J. Kasper seated at the right.

Our National Churches Abroad: Amarabad, India

"And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold. I must bring and impel those also, and they will listen to My voice and heed My call, and so there will be one flock under one Shepherd" (John 10:16, Amplified New Testament).

In the southeastern corner of the Mennonite Brethren field in India are 2,000 square miles of hilly plateau. The elevation is from 1,000 to 1,500 feet higher than the surrounding area. The plateau rises abruptly from the basins of the Krishna River bordering on the south and from the Dirdi River on the north. It is a jungle area and the home of the Chinsalus and the Lombardis. These hill tribes live very primitively in small huts in the forest, eating herbs and roots.

The population of the area consists of 15,000 persons living in 40 villages and hamlets. There are Christians in nine of these villages, and in the village of Amarabad there is a church building.

The area was first opened to missionary outreach by pioneer missionary J. H. Voth—now with the Lord. Together with preachers from the Deverakonda field he would travel by oxcart to the village of Gonamonapelle which is near the foot hills. Then following a foot path they would work their way to the tops of the hills and visit the villages. Through their efforts the first group of believers was established.

During one of Brother Voth's

furloughs, the field was transferred to the Nagarkurnool field and has been under its supervision since. There is a good road leading from Nagarkurnool through Achempet to the top villages of Mananur and Amarabad. From there on are jeep trails to the back areas where the Chinsalus live.

In this remote hill and jungle area stands a large white church. To be seen from many miles around, it speaks a testimony of Jesus, the Light of the world. It is an evidence that these people have found Him to be the true shepherd of the sheep. The pastor of this congregation, as well as the circuit leader in charge of the Amarabad hill area, is Brother M. N. Jeevarutnam. He is the father of a family of 12 children and his home is in the main village.

In India each village is divided into sections with each caste living in its particular section. The Harijan (formerly called outcasts) live outside of the village. From this group have come most of our Christians. About one-half mile from the village of Amarabad lies a little hamlet called Chintapelle (place of sorrow). In this hamlet is the church and the Christians. Since the hamlet has become a village of hope and joy, it has been suggested to change the name to Sontoshapelle (village of joy).

Brother Jeevarutnam and his assistant S. Samuel spend 10 days a month visiting Christians in the

circuit as well as evangelizing other ethnic groups. In his testimony, Brother Jeevarutnam mentioned he was only alive because of the grace of God and prayers of the Christians. He was a TB patient for whom many had given up hope. In gratitude he loves to spend his energies witnessing for Christ.

The church in Amarabad is organized as a local church. The elders of the church brethren C. Lazarus, C. Paul, B. Devadanum and S. Samuel. They together with the pastor shoulder the burden of the church and field, two people are working with the Chinsalu tribe. A retired preacher Brother Elijah ministers to some Chinsalus living close to his village. Mrs. K. A. Monicama, a former teacher in the elementary section of the Bethany Bible Institute, lives in the village of Mananur. She has begun a school among a group of Chinsalus who have been resettled in homes by the government. She also teaches children in a Lombardi village adjacent to the Chinsalu colony. May the seed sown bear fruit for Him.

Brother Jeevarutnam, in an interview, mentioned the great need of having members in the church who are acquainted with the true Shepherd as well as with His Word. He therefore has been a staunch supporter of the Bible training program in the elementary as well as the institute level. It is his desire that he and his trained staff may be effective witnesses. Together with his 150 members, he is seeking sheep to bring into God's fold.

T. F. Faust

Dear Friends of Colombia,

As far as I can recall, autumn has been my favorite season, perhaps because it is the thanksgiving season of the year. Certainly, thankful people make good company, and a grateful heart lightens any load.

Have you decided for which of the many blessings of the past months your are especially thankful? My heart is moved when I consider the never-failing faithfulness of our God in keeping His promises to us, faithless and undeserving though we be. "And God said . . . and it was so" (Gen. 1:9), "According as He hath promised" (Ex. 12:25). The fact that He has kept His Word in the past, encourages us to trust Him for the future. Trusting Him, we are able to venture out in faith into new experiences of communion and service, regardless of circumstances around us.

Autumn also means beginning a new school year—always a great adventure for teachers, students and those responsible for the students. There will be 14 Choco children at Colegio Los Andes in La Cumbre this school year. It gives me great pleasure to introduce them to you. Istmina: Rosalva, Edith, Carlitos and Jairo. Condoto: the Sanchez

sisters. Andagoya: William Brunstead. Bebedo: William Murillo and Rosina. Noanama: Ramito and Alfonso. Indian children: Chindia, Galigo and Sylvana. Sylvana has been in our home for one and one-half years, and we will miss her a great deal. Five of the students have spent some time in our own schools in the Choco. Nine are leaving this region for the very first time. All will have new adjustments to make. I hope that you will want to stand by us in intercession for them, that each one will attain to the high ideals set before them for life and service.

October finds us preparing for the Choco Regional Conference. Host to the Conference will be the Andagoya Church, which at that time is to be accepted into the Mennonite Brethren Conference of Colombia. Andagoya is a gold mining town with a large American and European population. Recently several of these have shown interest in the work, which is mostly carried on among the national labourers and their families. The company is doing us a favor by running an electric power line to our little chapel so we will have light for the Conference services. How thrilled we would be if our testimony to them would bring them in contact with the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the eternal Light of the world and of each individual.

We hoped that my brother Alvin and his family would join us before the end of the year. To our disappointment, their visas have been refused by the Colombian government. Once again our faith is being put to the test and we have the opportunity to prove our unquestioning trust in the promises of God. We stand on the promise in I Thess. 5:24: "Faithful is He that calleth you, he also will do it." I invite you to join us in taking Him at His Word, to watch Him work and then to praise Him for the great works He does for the children of men.

Joyfully in Him,
Herta J. Voth

Mennonite World Conference Attendance

Newton, Kans. — The Board of Missions of the General Conference Mennonite Church will make efforts to have all of its overseas mission fields represented at the Mennonite World Conference to be held next August at Kitchener, Ont.

Representation at the world meeting was one of the items discussed at a meeting of the Executive Committee here September 27 and 28. The committee also heard a report from Andrew R. Shelly, executive secretary, on his recent visit to South America. Rev. Shelly stated that a significant development in Colombia is the formation of a Mennonite fellowship in Bogota. About 50 Colombians, former students at the Cachipay mission school, are now employed in Bogota.

THE Young Observers

Hello, Girls and Boys,

October is drawing to a close, and that brings Hallowe'en around again. We have many children in the neighborhood who come around for treats. Last year quite a few requested pennies for the United Nations children's fund. That seemed a worthwhile cause, and was certainly better than on overdose of banged-up apples and cheap candy. Some of you may have school parties or Sunday school get-togethers. Have a good time, but please, please don't go around doing pranks.

Today I had quite an unusual experience. While cleaning, I tried the polisher, but it wouldn't work. I tried the vacuum cleaner, but there was no response. The lights were off too. All the hydro was off. My cake! How would my cake fare in a cooling oven? No power! All the appliances were of no use now. Need I tell you that the cake turned out pretty dry and flat?

Can we, as Christians, become dry and flat too? I had to think of Romans 13 while looking at that cake. "For there is no power but of God." God is our power. Will that power and strength ever be cut off? When we neglect studying His Word, the Bible, and cease praying we are cutting off the power. Certainly our witness will be dry and flat.

Boys and girls, just keep looking up to the Lord for help—and keep those prayers going up too, for truly there is no power except it be given us from above.

Love, Aunt Helen

The Mischievous Cuckoo Clock



No one knows who first put the idea into the cuckoo clock's head; no one, that is, except the cuckoo clock himself and he won't tell. It might have been the rumbling traffic which shakes the house as it rolls past, it might have been the neighbour's hammer banging in a nail for a new picture, but somewhere, somehow, the cuckoo clock thought it would be fun to be mischievous.

For a very long time he had occupied his perch over the fireplace and everyone looked to him. "Is it time to go to school yet," the children would ask. "When will Dad be home from work?" Mum would ask, looking at the face of the little clock; and always he had given the right time. In case anyone forgot how quickly the time was passing, he called "cuckoo" every hour: one cuckoo for one o'clock, two cuckoos for two o'clock, and so on, with a single cuckoo at each

half-hour. Everyone trusted him completely.

One morning Janet and John were late for school. During the night the cuckoo clock had discovered that his hands were loose. When the minute hand was supposed to be climbing the left hand side of the face he let it slip backwards, and when it rounded the top he let it slip forward.

The children were finishing their wheat flakes as the hands of the little clock pointed to twenty-five minutes to nine. "Ten minutes before we start," said Janet, carefully putting her empty plate aside. "I'll get our coats," said John, and he was just getting them down from the hall pegs when the town clock struck.

"Nine o'clock!" called Mum in surprise. "But the clock says quarter to nine!" There was hurrying and bustling and the children raced madly toward the gates of the school.

"Cuckoo! Cuckoo," mocked the little clock. "That was exciting. What can I do next?" Mum put his hands to the right time and went on with the work.

There was always much to be done every morning, and exactly at twenty minutes past twelve Mum would boil some water for Dad to have a cup of tea when he came in. She was checking the laundry as the town clock boomed twelve, and being anxious about a missing article, she lost count of the minutes.

With a start she noticed that the cuckoo clock was pointing to twen-

ty-five minutes past twelve. "Five minutes late," she said and dropping everything she hurried into the kitchen. "Cuckoo, half past twelve," called the clock, knowing very well that it was only a quarter past.

Every member of the family was tricked by the naughty clock. The children were sent to bed early, the eggs were left to boil too long and became hard and as a final joke, as he thought, the cuckoo clock stopped altogether and Mum and Dad went to bed an hour later than usual, when they noticed that the clock had stopped.

Dad set the clock right, started it and crossly put out the light to go to bed.

"Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo!" laughed the little clock and settled

down to dream happily of all the fun he had had that day.

Unfortunately no one likes clocks which do not tell the truth. The family had always loved his neat appearance. They had been charmed by his pretty call. But a handsome appearance does not make up for an untruthful nature. Next day Dad brought the bedroom alarm clock into the living room and at breakfast Mum remarked, "I'm taking the cuckoo clock down. He is not working properly and is upsetting our time schedule."

It was a sad cuckoo clock that cuckooed to himself in the attic that day. He pointed at the time, he called the hours and half hours, but there was no one to notice, no

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ANTONIA

written by Jean A. Rees

(13th Installment)

"There certainly is," I said.

"Well, why can't I find out about it? I've read my Bible secretly, but the girls made such fun of me," she said bitterly. "I've gone to church whenever I could and listened to sermons but they didn't seem to mean anything much. I'd give anything if I could find out

what it was that Nanny Hopkins believed in."

I felt a wonderful glow of joy to think the Lord had sent this girl to us. I had sensed there were problems that she was worried about, and I could tell there was more to it than just lack of self-confidence.

"Well, you've certainly come to the right place to hear about it," I told her. "We have a wonderful

Minister in this village and Jerry and I can tell you all that we know."

"You believe in these things, don't you, Margaret?" she said insistently. "You and Jerry both do. I can tell when you say Grace at meals that you're not saying it like they used to at school. You're talking to somebody that you really know."

"Yes," I said, "we know the Lord Jesus Christ. We know Him as our Saviour and as our Friend." She gave a great sigh.

"Fancy knowing the Lord Jesus as your Friend. It's a terrific thing to say that, Margaret, you mean that the Person Who made the world and Who can do anything, you know as a Friend?"

"Yes, of course I do," I said.

"I hope it's true. I wonder if it is. I'd like to believe it's true. Something tells me that it is so, but when I'm at home living in such a different world, and all the friends we have at the house, you'd think there wasn't anything at all beyond this world and all the fun you can have, and keeping your looks and all that sort of thing. It made me feel quite silly when I wondered about these things."

"Yes, I'm sure it did," I said, "but you've come to the right place here at last. I'd better introduce you to a number of my friends and they'll tell you what they think about it. I want you to meet June Hamilton, for instance. It was only about two

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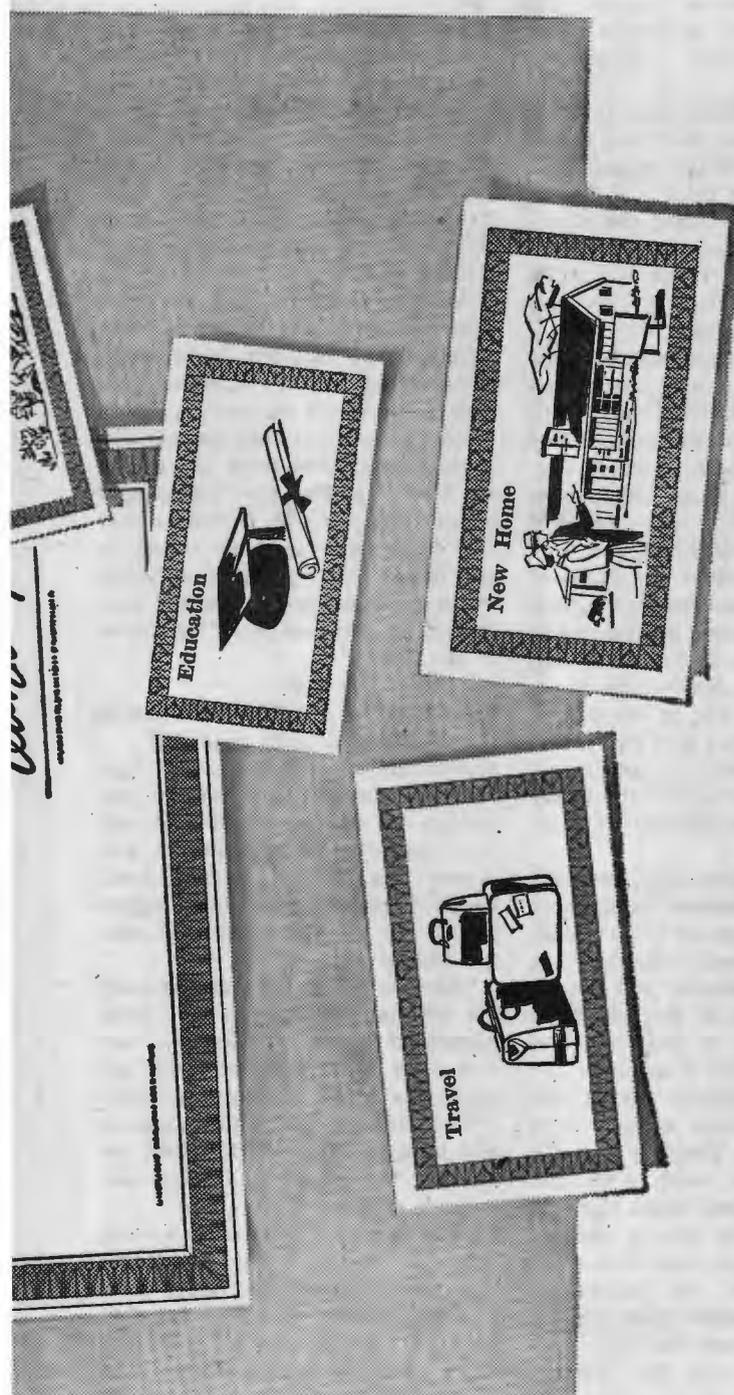
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MCC News & Notes

Visit to Twillingate, Newfoundland

By Robert Kreider



"Hattie Heckman" arriving at Twillingate, August, 1946. — 1400 qtes. codfish.

(First in a series)

Here in Gander, Newfoundland, where I begin the story of my travels, one is already one-third of the way to Europe. Gander Airport is as modern and beautiful as any airport I have ever seen. Queen Elizabeth was on hand for the official opening in 1959. The airport was carved out of the wilderness during World War II. Ten miles from the runways is some of the best moose and caribou country in all of Canada.

Gander Airport had its era of greatness from 1939 to 1959 when it was the major refueling stop on all transatlantic runs. But with the advent of the jet, it has played the quieter role of backstopping the jet flights to and from Europe. The electronic eyes and ears of the Traffic Control Center reach out over the Atlantic Ocean and direct aircraft for hundreds of miles.

What brought me to Gander was the desire to visit a group of teachers and nurses stationed on the little island of Twillingate, off the Northern Newfoundland coast. Twillingate is a rocky, largely treeless, windswept island and the home of cod fishermen. The fishing communities clustered in remote coves along the Newfoundland and Labrador coasts have desperately needed teachers and nurses. The Mennonite Central Committee has sent several dozen Voluntary Service workers from the U.S. and Canada to help keep schools and hospitals open.

In a tiny ferry boat it took us—two crewmen and six passengers—

five hours to reach Twillingate from the nearest mainland port, Lewisporte, a distance of 40 miles. Three days later we made the flight from Gander to London in less than that. The wind had whipped up what the pilot called a "big sea" with high "spillers." When my spirits began to fall a trio of women homeward bound to the island began to sing Newfoundland folk songs and gospel songs. Their favorite, which crew and passengers sang over and over again, was "How Great Thou Art." Twillingaters love to sing.

The speech of these fisher folk has a musical quality. However, I had to listen intently to understand as much as a third of what they were saying. Some say it is the English speech of the 17th century which their ancestors brought with them from Devon and Cornwall. They drop the "h's" and add "h's" like: "You 'ear wi' your hears."

Twillingaters are a hospitable folk. The parents welcome the young teachers who walk right into their kitchens and stay for a chat and a cup of tea. The kitchen with the wood-burning range is the only heated room in the house and is the all-purpose or family room. Twillingate had the family room long before it came to American suburbia.

Saturday night we were invited to Aunt Susie and Uncle Peter's home on Gilesport Cove. Aunt Susie is a mother to these American teachers and nurses. Her table was spread with fresh home-baked bread, pie, several kinds of cake, cookies and the inevitable tea. Un-

cle Peter was a cod fisherman who used to make annual three months' fishing trips "down on the Labrador" and bring the summer's catch back to Twillingate. Aunt Susie met Uncle Peter one summer when she "put on" as a cook on the same schooner. Uncle Peter now is a cabinet maker, with a few simple tools fashioning anything from fishing boats to coffins to furniture to needles for mending nets.

In its golden age in the 19th century Twillingate was the trading center for the Labrador and shore fisheries. Almost every cove has beached schooners—reminders of the great era of the past. It is a hard life for the fishermen now. For two years cod fishing has been poor. To supplement their meager income, the fishermen cut pulp in the forests in winter or find other seasonal employment. From Newfoundland there is continuous emigration of manpower to the United States and western Canada. No wonder the local parson told us that Newfoundland's "greatest export is people."

Twillingate Island consists of a score of little coves, each a staunchly independent village community. In each cove one finds a dozen or two frame houses along the shoreline with platforms of spruce saplings or "flakes" jutting out 50 to 100 feet into the water. They dry the cod on the flakes.

Early Sunday morning we visited a fisherman named Pond who operate a 32-foot "trap boat" with his two sons and a son-in-law. They operate three codfish traps, regularly put out some 120 homemade lobster traps and between times seine for mackerel and herring. They put out to sea at about three or four o'clock every morning to be at the good fishing spots when day breaks. The smell of the cod saturates the homes and clothing of everyone living in the fishing coves. Our teachers say that when they keep the windows and doors in their classrooms closed the heady aroma of cod can stagger the uninitiated.

The prices of fresh fruit and vegetables is high: bananas at 33 cents a pound, large eggs 85 cents a dozen, and fresh milk—simply not available. But lobster sell at 29 cents a pound and at the fish plant one can buy six to twelve pound codfish for 25 cents a piece.

Our young volunteer nurses and teachers have fallen in love with the island people. They go out with the fishermen to catch squid for bait, which is called "squid jigging." In the winter they join in hunting for seals on the ice pans that float into the harbor. In September teachers and students play hockey for one day to hunt partridge berries. Then there are the Sunday night hymn sings. It is a hard life, but it is a good life.

As I walked to the pier to catch my ferry back to the mainland a man in a battered car stopped, opened the door and called out, "Op-

in and let me give a lift to y're legs." A hospitable people.

The Bible Today

Mr. H. van der Veen, a linguist and translator of the Netherlands Bible Society, who has worked in Central Celebes for many years, has recently completed a translation of the Bible into Ta'e (South Toradja).

Mr. van der Veen discovered how the telling of Bible stories helped him to establish an exact translation into the Toradja language. A temporary make-shift rendering of a term or word is changed for a more exact rendering.

Thus at first heaven was called "Banua Bulaanna Puang Matua," the golden house of God. In the translation of the Bible this was rendered by the loan-word "suruga," which was little known at the beginning of the missionary work but gradually became to be accepted.

In the story of the crossing of the Red Sea, the idea of the "waters being a wall" to the Israelites was conveyed by a phrase which meant "a sandstone cliff." Later the word "tembo," meaning brickwork, was used, though little known at first. In the translation of the Bible, wall was rendered by "rinding tembo," a brick wall.

Another difficulty was that the Timorese are totally unfamiliar with such animals as lions, bears, camels, donkeys, mules, etc. Slides were shown and when the natives saw a picture of a camel, they gave it two names: "the horse with the crooked back" and "the long-legged horse." When it was explained that the camel was used to travel in the desert, facts taught to school children, they thought the best rendering in Timorese was "the horse of the desert."

MISCHIEVOUS CUCKOO CLOCK

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one to care whether it was the right time or the wrong time he was calling. He became lonely and sad. The pendulum swung slower and slower and at last, putting both hands together over the figure twelve, he stopped without a single cuckoo.

There he might have stayed until his wheels rusted and his little cardboard throat perished, a sad lesson to all clocks who do not speak the truth. However, on Saturday, Dad had an hour to spare, and bringing out the little clock, he cleaned the works and gave him another chance.

Once more the little cuckoo clock calls the hours in the home and now the children are never late. "Cuckoo, cuckoo! It's nine o'clock!" he calls. "Boom! Boom!" goes the town clock in confirmation. The little clock has found, as all people find, that in speaking the truth we have the support of all trustworthy people.

By Thos. R. Burn in "The Young Soldier"



Entrance Twillingate Harbour. The picket fences are very typical. All the wards and gardens are fenced as the sheep and cattle roam freely over the island.

"Aufwiedersehen"

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A Long Wait

Sometimes plans and hopes fail. It was in the year 1944. The parents and children in the Peter M. Bergen family embraced one another and said "Aufwiedersehn," but today, eighteen years later, they are still waiting to meet again. The mother and children are in Russia, father is in Canada. They seem to be unable to get to each other. The period of waiting has been long. When holidays come, birthdays and Christmas, everyone is happy, and yet not quite happy because someone is missing. These are the occasions that remind everyone more than ever of past times when the family circle was complete. The uncertainty of the whereabouts of the missing and whether they are still alive makes the burden much more heavy. One year after another has passed by and still no word about the loved ones.

Finally, in the eleventh year of searching and waiting, of hoping and praying, the first letter arrived. "Dear Daddy, so far away," one of the children wrote to his father in Canada. "It is hard to understand why it must be so." But in the same letter she adds, "As long as man lives he must not give up hope. Suffering on earth will produce joy in heaven. Our dear mother has suffered so much." At the close of the letter, for her own and her father's comfort, the daughter quoted a long poem entitled, "He Knows," of which the last verse reads:

My Saviour grants what's best for me

E'en though the cross may painful be.

He knows exactly what I need,
If I but willingly will heed.

When after more than a decade of silence and uncertainty about the fate of the loved ones, contact was finally established—even though only by letter—the joy was indescribably great. The letters this family sent each other immediately after making contact were proof that husband and wife, though torn apart for so long, had remained faithful to each other and had lovingly thought of and prayed for each other.

"Dear Peter," wrote his wife. "In this evening hour I want to come and visit with you for a little while. May you have strength and health and God's merciful presence, which, praise God, we also enjoy. Yes, dear Peter, we are waiting for a letter. We are so curious . . ."

From the day when the family found each other again and the first letters began shuttling back and forth, no stone was left unturned in working toward a reunion. The realization of such hopes and dreams is not easy. Even though everything humanly possible has been done to effect the coming of wife and children to Canada, it has not yet become a reality.

One day when Peter Bergen reflected on how united in spirit he felt with his family overseas and how near they were to him and yet how far, he hit upon a plan. If the step from union in spirit to union in person was too great, then there must be a smaller, more modest step toward family reunion. The whole family, his dear wife, the children and grandchildren and he himself should be "reunited" on one picture. They should stand shoulder to shoulder as if it were reality.

No sooner was the idea conceived than it was carried out. He quickly took the picture he had recently received from his loved ones in Russia, rushed to a photographer, had his own photo taken and appealed to the ingenuity and artistry of the photographer to fit the two pictures together. This combined picture was to make real what closed borders did not allow and was impossible in practice. The picture was to point hopefully to a happy day in the future when the whole family would be together in reality. It was to make real to sight the longed-for reunion of the family, which had only been a dream and wish for eleven years.

"My wife wrote," reported the husband, "that she received a shock when she opened my letter and saw the picture." We can easily believe that. But we can also imagine how the shock was transformed into joy when she looked at the picture more closely and understood what it was to convey. We can also visualize how the picture was passed around in the family and to other relatives and friends. Many a heart beat more warmly and more than one eye became moist when looking at that picture—a picture not only of a "reunited" family but a picture revealing faithfulness, hope and love. Seeing the picture and knowing something about the life of this separated family, the words of the Apostle Paul take on form and shape: "Love beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth." Here love becomes visible.

United in Jesus Christ

This partial reunion after eleven years of not hearing from each other and eighteen years of separation obviously involved not only the natural ties that bind family members together but the spiritual life as well. The letters testify to that fact. "The Lord not only permits wounds to be inflicted, but He heals them," the wife wrote. "I have experienced that when the need is greatest, God's help is nearest."

A letter from Anna, Gerhard and Olga began, "Dear Daddy. We too would like to hear God's Word, but we have no church services here any more. We can only read His Word at home."

One long happy letter closed with this: "Many sincere greetings and kisses from your children and grandchildren, Dietrich, Lena, Peter and Annchen." From this letter

it was possibly to see clearly on what foundation this family had built its life. It also gives a glimpse into the circumstances of the church in Russia, although after the letter was written the circumstances there have become worse. Here is a lengthy excerpt from the letter: "Dear Daddy: Before we write anything else, we want to describe to you how we celebrated Easter. Several days before Easter, Dietrich and I were sitting together and suddenly received the inspiration to drive to N. First we drove to Uncle Franz and Lepps. Hans is our school friend, you know. We wanted to stay just for a day and then go on since our time was short, but Uncle Franz did not let us go. He said that the next day was Good Friday, a quiet day, and in the evening they were to have a service. He said we must attend a real worship service once. The elder, Uncle F., an old man, had come. He spoke so powerfully that all eyes were filled with tears. Yes, dear Daddy, that was the first worship service that we were privileged to attend for many years. On Saturday two preachers were ordained, Dietrich's uncle Isaak and another Uncle from S. Baptism was held on Easter Sunday, and we felt that we too were ready to receive baptism.

"Since we came from so far away, Uncle F. let us come to him. He spoke long and much with me and made many things clear to me. So we were baptized and after that we were also married. (They had had their civil marriage ceremony six years prior to that. P. J. D.) Yes, dear Daddy, these were wonderful hours without end. It was too bad that none of our relatives were present. They were mostly strange people, but they were all very friendly to us. Mrs. Lepp was just like a mother to us. She is such a nice lady. Easter Sunday evening two more preachers were consecrated and Uncle Franz ordained as deacon, and then we had communion. Monday was the day of departure for the Uncle (minister). He had strengthened the congregation, baptized around 100 persons, and married thirty couples. The rooms were crowded with people, and still not all could get in. Tuesday we went on to see the uncles and aunts. Thus we were away from home for nine days.

It seemed very long to me and I was anxious to get back. When we got home they scolded us for being away so long, but we explained how wonderful it had been and what blessed hours we had experienced, and our dear mother cried for joy. Yes, it almost seemed that someone had shown me the way there. May the Lord grant that we can again have worship services every Sunday."

The Meeting Again Assured

When we part we often say, "Aufwiedersehn," and take it for granted that we will meet again according to plan. The Peter Bergen family has been patiently wait-

ing for eighteen years for this meeting again. With them many thousands more are waiting, who are likewise separated from their loved ones through the cruel war. Can one really hope for a reunion for the families thus torn apart? Will there really be a meeting again?

Yes, most certainly! The reunion may not be in this life but for those, who, like the Bergen family, have built their life on Christ, the reunion is assured, if not here, then in eternity. This meeting again has been assured them through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. That is why they write undesperingly and so hopefully in their letters about the joyful reunion awaiting them. They know that as Christians their "Aufwiedersehn" is more than a form of greeting; it is a statement of faith.

Murders Up in Canada

Ottawa — Serious crime surged sharply upwards in Canadian urban centers in 1960.

In communities with a population of more than 25,000, serious crime cases increased by 12.6 per cent over the previous year.

Big increases were recorded in the number of murder, breaking and entering, theft and robbery cases reported by police departments. A large proportion were in the two cities of Montreal and Toronto.

Crime statistics for 1960 were issued in a report by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The report listed a total of 118 murders in Canadian urban centers with populations of more than 750, compared with 91 in 1959. Among large cities, there were 23 murders in Toronto, 18 in Montreal, six in Vancouver and four in Edmonton.

Robberies in 1960 totalled 3,237 compared with 2,877 the previous year. The figure included 879 cases in Montreal, 762 in Toronto, 320 in Vancouver, and 115 in Edmonton and Winnipeg.

Obstruction and assaults on police officers increased to 1,821 from 1,726; offences of forgery and fraud rose to 14,857 from 13,010; and assaults causing bodily harm increased to 4,779 from 4,642.

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YOUTH IN ACTION

Young People's Activities at Virgil

Virgil, Ont. — On October 15, approximately three hundred people united hearts and voices to sing praises unto the Lord our God. These people, who met at Eden Christian College, came from the Mennonite Brethren church choirs of Ontario. The auditorium was filled to capacity with some people standing throughout the whole program.

Truly we felt God's presence in our midst as the mass choir and individual choirs sang. We were favoured with a solo from Rudy Baerg; a student at Waterloo College, and by a duet from P. Martens and Ed. Unrau, both from Vineland. The Bartel brothers quartette also served with a special number. Leaving the campus, we were filled with praise to God for His goodness toward us.

Elim Lodge, a place of refresh-

ing, was the destination of a group of young people from the Virgil M. B. Church on October 6. Despite difficulties, we all arrived safely, for which we thank the Lord. The Lord blessed us with many truths out of His Word and also with beautiful weather. Our topic for the weekend was "Victorious Christian Living." It was truly a weekend of blessing when many young people decided to give Christ full control of their life.

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ANTONIA

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years ago that she became a Christian. She's not very much older than you are, although she's married and about to have her first baby."

As we were passing Greengates, where June and Hamish lived, I said:

"Let's call in and see June now."

"Oh no, don't let's," said Antonia instinctively, "don't let's. I'm not looking nice and I'd feel such a fool meeting your friends."

"But why?" I said.

"Well, they're bound to think 'who's that fat girl she's got with her?'"

"They won't think anything of the sort, Antonia, Besides, even in the last few days I think you've got thinner."

"You know, I think I have," she said proudly. "Why, my skirt quite hung on me this morning."

"There you are," I said.

"Still there's a long way to go yet," she said, laughing.

"Well, never mind, come in and see June anyway."

June seemed delighted to welcome us. She was sitting in the lounge reading and Hamish was not expected back for tea for about an hour.

"I want you to meet Jerry's cousin, Tony," I told June.

"Oh, I've heard about you," said June, "I've been looking forward tremendously to meeting you," and she talked and chatted to Tony in a way that made the girl completely at home in no time. In fact, be-

fore we knew where we were, we were discussing with June all about Tony's diet and what kind of clothes she was going to have when she went into Wychester on her orgy of spending.

"You know, I'll tell you a colour you'd look wonderful in; it's a colour that doesn't look right on me. You want a dull lime green with touches of orange in it. Not exactly orange, it's a kind of tomato colour. I know exactly the colour I mean. You would look absolutely wonderful in that," she said.

"I say," said Antonia, "why don't you come with me to help choose my new clothes?"

"My dear," said June, "by the time you're choosing your new clothes, I'm expecting to do quite a different job altogether."

"Oh, of course you are," said young Tony, with embarrassment, "I'd forgotten that . . . er . . ."

"The baby was due so soon? Well it's not long to go now. I can't tell you how excited I am." We talked about the baby for a little while and then Tony said, quite of her own accord:

"Margaret tells me that you haven't been a Christian very long?"

"No," said June, rather in surprise. "It was like this. I lived with my cousins and I couldn't have cared less about religion. Never thought of going to church. I just had a good time and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Then Hamish came home. He was my Guardian then (he's my husband now) and he seemed to expect me to go to church with him. Well, I went; it seemed to be the right thing to do. I got the shock of my life to find out what I'd been missing all the time."

"Did you become a Christian there and then?"

"Oh no," said June, "very stupid of me, but I waited a long time. I thought it all over and I dilly-dallied."

"And has it made any difference since?" queried Tony.

"My dear, it's made all the difference in the world. I can't think what I did before. I was just living like an animal really, only for body and mind. I wasn't thinking about my soul."

"That's exactly what I mean," said Antonia. "That's what I mean, Margaret," turning to me, "you see, at home they seem to live as if there were only those two parts of them, and there must be something else, there must be."

"Well, of course," said June, "why do you keep saying there must be?"

"Well, I must try to believe it," said Antonia.

"You will," said June, "you will. If you seek the Lord you'll find Him, if you seek Him with your whole heart."

Antonia looked at her.

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World Vision Korean Orphan Choir on First U.S., Canada Tour



Pasadena, Calif. — The internationally famous World Vision Korean Orphan Children's Choir arrived in America October 17 for a three-month Christian concert tour across the United States and Canada sponsored by World Vision, Inc., missionary service organization with international headquarters here.

Dr. Bob Pearce, president of the 11-year-old mission agency, says the tour is primarily "an opportunity for these little war orphans to express their gratitude to the people of America for their assistance in saving them from starvation and poverty in Korea."

The 34 little songsters represent more than 13,000 orphans supported by World Vision in 151 orphanages throughout South Korea. They have been selected for special training at the World Vis-

ion Musical Institute in Seoul. Their superb singing has been recorded, and the Orphan Choir has appeared in many Korean churches as well as before government dignitaries of their native land. All contributions above the expense of their trip are designated for the completion of the World Vision Children's Hospital near Seoul—an ambitious medical enterprise which will provide free medical care for any orphan or destitute child in Korea not only among the vast family of World Vision orphans, but for any other child in need.

The tour is also planned to bring America an understanding of the lives and accomplishments of the children in Korea. Through the universal language of music and by the spoken word, the choir and its leaders hope to present a spiritual ministry at each performance.

Their appearance in churches and civic auditoriums throughout North America also emphasizes the great need of the orphans in other countries of the world. The World Vision orphan sponsorship program, which currently provides for nearly 15,500 orphans in 15 nations, is also presented.

Directing the choir is Soo Chul Chang, Professor of Music at Union Christian College in Seoul. He has done graduate work in schools and conservatories of the United States. Five Korean adults accompany the choir, along with a nurse, dietician, and other specialists of child care. The Rev. Richard R. Hamilton, East Coast Representative of World Vision, is in charge of coordinating the tour. Dr. Bob Pearce appears with the choir in many of the major cities of North America.

EDUCATION

SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

Canadian Mennonite Bible College News Release

Winnipeg, Man. — The Canadian Mennonite Bible College takes pleasure in announcing the awards of a number of scholarships and bursaries contributed by various persons and organizations. The awards are given first on the basis of scholastic achievement and second on the basis of specific need. They make it possible for some people to attend CMBC who would otherwise be unable to do so.

Four \$150 scholarships are given annually by the Canadian Mennonite Bible College Alumni Association to new students entering CMBC. They are given on application on the basis of grade 12 standing. This year they were awarded to: John Wiebe, Warman, Sask., Hertha Wiens, Herschel, Sask., Ruby Friesen, Halbstadt, Man., and Guenther Toews, Rosthern, Sask.

Scholarships to returning students were awarded as follows: The Martin Boese Sr. Scholarship, \$150—to Hugo Peters, Austin, Man.; the Mr. and Mrs. David Friesen Scholarship for Proficiency in German, \$150—to John Friesen, Rosenfeld, Man.

Three Schowalter Scholarships of \$150 each were given to the following students: Lorne Buhr, Langham, Sask., Edith Kellerman, Rosthern, Sask., Margaretha Klassen, Laird, Sask. These were made possible by a grant from the Schowalter Foundation upon the recommendation of the General Conference Mennonite Church.

The Boese Farms Scholarship of \$150 was awarded jointly to Tony Buhr Winnipeg, Man., and Rudy A. Regehr, Edmonton, Alta.

One \$100 bursary was awarded to Jim Reimer, Altona, Man.

There are still a number of research and work scholarships to be awarded in the first school term. They are: The D. W. Friesen Scholarship of \$75, to be awarded to a student who has shown proficiency in the area of Church History, Mennonite History or Christian Education; The A. J. Thiessen Research Scholarship of \$100 will be awarded to the person who has shown proficiency in research work; The Boese Foods Ltd. Scholarship of \$150 will be awarded to a student who is to undertake a work project to be announced later.

The College and the students who receive these awards look upon them as more than merely financial aid in a time of limited earnings, but also as a show of support and encouragement to go on in the acquisition of a more adequate Christian education. For that reason all those who are concerned with the college and the

purpose for which it stands, extend a hearty thank you to the donors of the awards and a well wish to the recipients.

Honor Students in Music

Wanda Konrad received the top mark in the grade IX Manitoba University exams—first class honors. She was also the winner of the violin solo senior class at the Manitoba Musical Festival as well as the winner of the Junior Musical Club Scholarship.

Hanneliesel Unruh of North Kildonan—first class honors in grade VIII; Richard Labun of Winkler—first class honors in grade VII and winner of the silver medal; Donald Doerksen of Elmwood—honors in grade IV; Teresa Duma of Winnipeg—honors in grade III; Andrea Poidevin—first class honors in grade II; Douglas Kuhl of Winkler—first class honors in grade II; Edwin Sawatzky of Winkler—honors in grade II; Betty McBurney—first class honors in grade I, and winner of silver medal; Bruce Gunn of Winnipeg—first class honors in grade I; Larry Thiessen of Winnipeg—first class honors in grade I; Allan Kroeker of Elmwood—first class honors in grade I; John Froese of Winkler—honors in grade I.

All these young people are students of the well-known Violinist Emmanuel Horch, Winnipeg.

Mennonite College Board Appointed

Milton R. Good of Waterloo has been elected chairman of the board of governors of Conrad Grebel College, a residential Mennonite institution affiliated with the University of Waterloo. The college named its officers in an organizational meeting at Rockway Mennonite School. It received its charter on April 20.

Sponsored by the Mennonite churches of Ontario, the college is named after Conrad Grebel, founder of the Mennonite Church in Switzerland in 1525.

Planning for the college is in its early stages, but a number of working committees have been set up. Other officers are Henry Epp, Waterloo, vice-chairman; John W. Snyder, Hespeler, secretary-treasurer, and Henry H. Dueck, Kitchener, Orland Gingerich, Baden, and Harold Nigh, Fort Erie, executive members. Other board members are: Edward Gilmore, Lowbanks; H. H. Voth, Vineland; Dale Schumm, Shakespeare; Elmer Schwartzentruber, Baden; E. S. Snyder, Guelph; J. C. Sawatzky and Hugo Harms, Toronto; H. W. Taves, Waterloo, and Walter Wiebe, Dr. Norman High and D. D. Millar, Kitchener.

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Ordination Service to be Held

Brother, Harvey C. Gossen will be ordained to the ministry, the Lord willing, on November 5, 1961, at 7 p.m. We invite all interested friends to join us in the blessings of this event.

The Brandon M. B. Church
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Russia's Huge Blast

Stockholm — On October 23 Swedish, Danish and French observatories registered a huge explosion which some observers believe to have been Russia's 50-megaton hydrogen bomb.

The Swedish observatory at Upsala said the blast was believed to have occurred in the Novaya Zemlya area of the Arctic Circle, in the area used for earlier Russian atomic experiments. Dr. Arthur Baath of the Upsala Seismological Institute

said that "the possibility cannot be ruled out that this explosion was the expected 50-megaton bomb." He said it was "somewhat more than double the strength" of the biggest previous tests recorded during the Soviet test series.

The Danish Geodetic Institute described the blast as four times as big as the one on October 6, which had a yield of several megatons. A megaton is the equivalent of 1,000,000 tons of TNT.

The French Service for the Detection of Atomic Explosions describe it as "an explosion of extreme power, far more powerful than those recorded so far."

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Change of Address

The new address of Mr. Herbert Klassen, son of the late Mr. C. F. Klassen, is as follows: 21 Woods Orchard Road, Gloucester (Tuffley), England.

German School in Vancouver

The First Mennonite Church of Vancouver, B.C., has a German school on Saturdays with an enrollment of 146 pupils. Six teachers are giving instruction in the German language.

Returning to Jordan

Ada Stoltzfus, Morgantown, Pa., is returning to Jordan, where she and her sister Ida direct the MCC Orphanage at Hebron. Miss Stoltzfus has been home on furlough for three months.

November 10 and 11. — Manitoba Mennonite Church Conference to be held at the Whitewater Mennonite church in Crystal City, Man.

November 11 and 12. — Peace Conference sponsored by South Saskatchewan churches to be held at Herbert, Sask., Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Rev. I. H. Tiessen, Chilliwack, B.C.

November 12. — Dedication service of the new South End M.B. Church, corner of Raglan Rd. and Portage Ave., Winnipeg. Morning, afternoon and evening services will be held.

ON THE HORIZON

Every Sunday. — German school program of Manitoba public schools over radio station CFAM from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (CST).

October 22-29. — Evangelistic Campaign at the Gospel Light M. B. church, 405 Logan Ave., Winnipeg. Rev. J. M. Schmidt is the speaker.

October 28-29. — Manitoba M. B. Youth Conference at MBCI, Winnipeg.

October 29. — Dedication service at 2 p.m. and official school opening at 7 p.m. (MST) of Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn. Guest speaker is Rev. J. J. Toews.

November 3. — Manitoba M. B. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference at the Newton Siding M. B. church.

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