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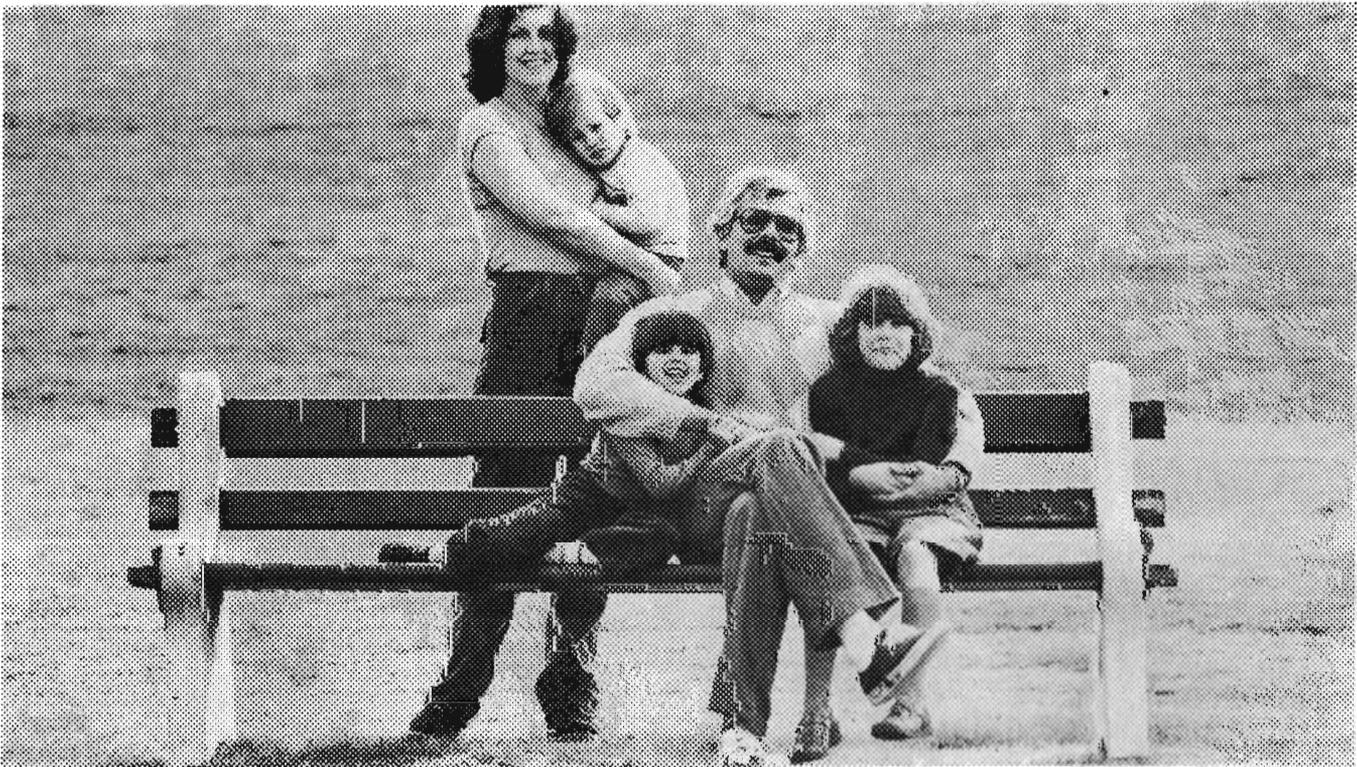


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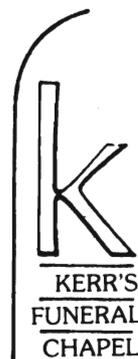
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According to good biblical tradition, life should be seen as a series of cycles—consisting of growth, maturity, and renewal. The seven year cycle is especially favored. Organizations, and people, should be open to renewal at least every seven years.

The *Mennonite Mirror* is trying to observe this tradition. This summer we completed seven years of publication under one editor and a stable corps of writers and business associates. There is much to be said in favor of such stability. In the publishing field, indeed, it is quite remarkable. But there is also something to be said in favor of change. A fresh breeze can lift the spirit.

We are pleased to introduce, with this issue of the *Mirror*, a fresh breeze to our readers. Dr. Al Reimer, who is known to many of you through his numerous articles and reviews (and through his highly successful translation of *The Russian Dance of Death*) has agreed to become the editor of the *Mennonite Mirror*. We welcome him to this position. You can be sure that he did not seek this dubious honor. Some have greatness thrust upon them—and thrust we did! Al is uniquely qualified to retain for the *Mirror* any of the virtues that it has developed over the years, and to lead it to new ones. Despite his origins in the East Reserve, in Steinbach, he is open to Mennonites on both sides of the Red River. He now lives on the West side. Though he is a product of the 1874 migration he has never despised those poor Mennonites who arrived 50 or 75 years later.

His literary talents are widely recognized and appreciated.

He has just completed a translation, with considerable reworking, of a novel by Hans Harder of Germany, which is to be published before Christmas. Al is professor of English at the University of Winnipeg. He is married to the former Joan Frederick and they have three children, Cindy, Mark and Curt. Al is the son of the well known minister and Mennonite scholar Rev. P.J.B. Reimer.

Al will share editorial responsibilities with a number of long time staff members. Ed Unrau as managing editor will continue to be responsible for all technical aspects of the magazine. Ruth Vogt, as associate editor, is responsible for the editing and co-ordination of all editorial material. Elisabeth Schlichting will continue to be the editor in charge of the German section. Our good and loyal staff of writers will continue to function as in the past, though a few additions are planned. As publisher I will continue to be responsible for the over all direction of the magazine and will share with Al and the other editors the responsibility for writing our monthly editorial column.

Finally, we are pleased that these changes are being made at a time when the *MM* has achieved a fairly stable footing. The financial situation is always somewhat precarious but generous support from our readers and members of the business and professional communities are helping us not only to maintain but to improve our publication. We will continue to welcome your letters and your articles and look forward to the changes that our new editor will bring.

Sincerely, Roy Vogt



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Some random thoughts on lying, cheating, stealing and other common pastimes

by Roy Vogt

The other day at the lake a friend asked us for a bar of soap which he could use to wash himself in the lake. We casually threw him a small Holiday Inn bar, a souvenir of our trip to the Mennonite World Conference. We had a choice between Holiday Inn, Best Western, or Ramada Inn bars and settled on Holiday Inn only because the familiar green slogan caught our eye first.

There you have an honest confession. We have our little cache of stolen goods. The purpose of this article, however, is not to encourage you, gentle reader, to point your stubby, self-righteous finger at us but to reflect upon the numerous artful ways in which most of us, on more occasions than we like to admit, play hide and seek with the moral codes that we have set for ourselves. There is often more humour than pathos in these devious little schemes of ours. Our attempts to excuse them are also quite funny. We like to think that all of our actions have noble ends and it takes a bit of uncommon humility to admit that we sometimes do things simply because we haven't gotten over the childhood thrills of sneaking a cookie from the forbidden jar or proving that we can ride a tricycle faster than anybody else.

Take our small cache of motel soap. We feel somewhat better about it because we have been in the homes of well-travelled people much better than ourselves who apparently never have to buy soap. Their washroom cabinets are piled high with "free" bars of soap from all kinds of exotic hotels. Each time they have a bath they can relive part of their vacation. Apparently the Four Seasons hotels are most generous in the size of their soap bars, while CN Hotels produce the frothiest soap. Holiday Inn bars tend to be too

small and hard while Best Western are often badly wrapped. All of them, however, can be easily packed away in suit cases without creating a bulge and without intruding on our conscience for more than a moment. We occasionally hear of truly dishonorable thieves who take hotel towels and utensils. They are obviously indifferent to the moral lines that we have drawn for ourselves. Like the Steinbach businessmen who meet for coffee at Miller's Cave and pray only for food that costs more than 50 cents (it used to be 25 cents but adjustments had to be made for inflation) we know that there is a line somewhere above zero value where things must be taken seriously. We have a friend who claims that anything under \$2,000 isn't worth moralizing about, but we know that he is at least \$1,999.50 out of line!

Take another item like crab apples. We have always believed that crab apple trees are part of the public domain. We sense, however, that there are people, particularly the owners of crab apple trees, who don't necessarily agree with this advanced type of thinking so we have often been forced to sneak up to the trees at night, like common petty thieves, to sample what should be quite rightfully ours. This has apparently even affected our taste for those delicious little apples. On rare occasions when neighbors have simply offered them to us, in broad daylight without any crawling on our belly, they have never tasted as good. It has been our fate to live close to people with crab apple trees most of our life, and judging by the places they have chosen to locate their trees we feel that they secretly share our belief that crab apples should be easily accessible to all. Our neighbors in Steinbach, the generous

Barkman family, planted their luscious tree at the far end of their garden so that we could easily get to it without being seen. No fruit has ever tasted better. In Winnipeg our neighbors across the lane have planted their tree right next to the garage, so that after backing out of our garage it takes only a moment to jump out of our car and help ourselves to a few. We will always be grateful to them for their consideration, and should we move sometime the moment will have arrived in which we can express our thanks.

Are there other skeletons that we can rustle from our closet? Our mind jumps from crab apples to insurance companies. Their benefits are surely also in the public domain. That crimp in the neck we felt after we were jarred slightly from behind on our Sunday afternoon drive deserves to be called Whip-lash, because that is a newly recognized disease for which Autopac pays generously, and it's about time that we got some of our dues back. Even before the government took over some types of insurance, the assets of insurance companies were always seen as being different from the assets of other companies. They were ours for the picking. Now that the government has entered the field any pang of conscience we may have felt about concocting stories, (crawling on our bellies at night), to get more of the forbidden fruit, are easily dismissed. We can even use logic on our side. The government, after all, represents The People, and *we* are The People. That we are not all the people, and that what we put into our own pocket comes from someone else's pocket, is part of the logic with which we don't have to concern ourselves. The government itself is only too happy to oblige our thinking. When asked why the most expensive scotch is served at a government reception, the ready reply of a government bureaucrat is, "nothing is too good for the people!" In learning to milk the government cow we, with typical free enterprise fervour, have come close to fulfilling the vision of Karl Marx. In that vision, stealing is abolished by abolishing private rights.

But we don't wish to end these random reflections with such a sanguine, or dismal, conclusion. We content ourselves with the wry observation that even though the little moral deviations that we have just described don't usually bring us before a human bar of justice, somewhere along the line we are tripped up in a fashion that tells us that Someone else is observing what we are doing and is playing out his own comedy with us. Take as a small example the time we smuggled a \$49.00 calculator past Canadian customs. At that time the same calculator was selling for more than \$100 in Canada. We didn't total up our purchases in the U.S. but we had a suspicion that with the calculator they exceeded the legal limit, so the calculator sat

burning under our car seat as we crossed the border. Imagine our chagrin, then, when just a few months later the price of that same calculator fell to less than \$49 in Canada. It is now selling for \$11. There was obviously, in some higher court, no respect for the courage we had shown. Or take our attitude toward crab apples. As mentioned, we have always put crab apple trees (of which we have none) into the public domain. But we have never felt that plum trees (of which we own a beautiful sample) belonged to the public. We were shocked, therefore, a few years ago when we came out of our house one morning to discover a friend lying under our plum tree helping himself to our ripe plums without any sign of a bad conscience. He didn't even have the good manners to sneak up to the tree at night. Half of the plums were already in his stomach when we spied him. What could we do? He had heard our theories about

public crab apples and he obviously thought that the same thing applied to plums. We decided that the only thing to do was to lie down beside him and eat the remaining plums as quickly as possible. The Divine Comedy came to our mind as we slipped the first plum into our mouth.

Note to our Readers: In keeping with the spirit of these reflections the Mennonite Mirror invites True Confessions from its readers. Such confessions will be published as they appear. Possible titles are: "How I never speed, except . . ." or "How I never lie, except. . . ." Please include with your contribution a hilarious description of how you have tried to excuse the wayward actions you are describing. A prize will be given to the first dozen readers who admit that they have said to a police officer: "Well I never speed but I was on my way to an important church meeting . . ." etc. **mm**

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A savage way to while away a sunny summer's day

By Mary M. Enns

A man, just about any man, can kill a perfect summer's day just by making one of his famous suggestions. "Let's jack up that front corner of our garage today. Its been sagging for months, and now I can't open or close the little side door!"

This sort of fun-thing is adrenalin to his blood-stream. It sets his ears a-twitching with the anticipated adventure in it. As for me, it makes me wonder, seriously, why I didn't marry an honest-to-goodness carpenter, or building-raiser.

Now begins the scrounging around for the right beams in the rafters of the garage. Not finding the required ones merely adds to his unadulterated pleasure of the project. "We will make do with what we've already got here" (have had lying around for the last twenty dusty years). A great deal of activity of

measuring, sawing and nailing now begins. Watching from the bleachers I notice, but wisely say nothing, that an enormous crack had developed on the under side of the lower beam. I admit to relief, thinking that it's the end to all this ghastly nonsense. Wrong! Himself is but fired toward further incentive. The tool chest and the miscellaneous nail, bolt and screw box spew forth the suitable bolts and in no time at all the beam is ready for service. I sneak indoors, but am recalled by the diplomat: "Dear, we work so well together, do you think you might like to just lend a pretty little hand here?" (suddenly I have pretty hands) I pale at the sight of what lies before us, since I am now partner to the horrible plan. "How is it that you're always embarrassed to ask a neighbour or a friend to give you a hand with these

Mennonite finds calling to United Church pulpit

by Al Unrau

Many people have asked me and perhaps many more have wondered—just what does a Mennonite like me do serving a United Church? I am happy to reflect a bit on this loaded question.

First of all I must admit that I'm rather surprised to be where I am. It was not a long standing plan or desire of mine to become a minister in the United Church of Canada. Frankly, I had never given it any thought until some eight years ago when a United Church minister said to me, "Al you would make a heck of a good United Church minister." On the other hand it is quite likely true that a great number of us are doing things that, so to speak, "were not in the cards a few decades ago."

Just what do I feel best about serving in the United Church? Here is my answer to that query, which has not changed during the six years of service. I am able and indeed I am encouraged to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ honestly, freely and forthrightly. The other side of this coin is the reality that we have been consistent and genuine response to the sharing of the good news about Jesus Christ.

When I went into the United Church ministry one of my brothers said to me, "when you go into that worldly church all your children will go to the dogs." To the glory of God I am able to say that each one of my children (ages 22,20,16,14) are committed Christians. Furthermore, they are all doing their things in sharing the good news of the Gospel in their environment. The middle two were baptized in the United Church, one by pouring and the other by immersion. The youngest will, according to plans, be baptized in Lake Errock east of Mission this coming August. It is most rewarding to see your own children take active roles in the work and life of the church in which you serve as the pastor.

As a Mennonite, which means that I am a Pacifist, I am respected as a leader in the United Church. I was never asked, neither would I have considered giving up or watering down my convictions and/or moorings as a peace loving person.

My social roots of caring and trying to live a simple life are very precious to me. I can candidly say that my shift into the United Church has deepened by appreciation for my religious and social back-

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herculean tasks but are never shy to seek help from a frail female?"

This was the wrong approach, it seems. With icy dignity: "Forget I asked. I'll do it on my own." Why does one then fairly cringe with guilt and shame? All I know is, they know exactly how to get free, yea eventually eager labour. With alacrity I am forgiven and reinstated.

"Now, then, all that is required of you is to do exactly as you're told. Here you are. I've pushed this beam under this corner bar. You hold down that other free end while I . . ." "and what if it breaks (I alone appear to have the necessary foresight) and the whole garage comes crashing down on us?" Instant defensive reaction. "Oh, don't always be so afraid that you're going to be maltreated."

"Well, actually, it wasn't so much fear of maltreatment that I was concerned with. It's fear of being killed outright, thereby robbing my loved ones of something very precious to them." No answer. I take to muttering "How come we don't hire a professional to come and set our garage straight?"

Too late, almost, I realized that a remark like that could have cost me my job. (Oh, would that it had!) Stiffly and tensely I hold down the beam with all the power invested in me. Then, to my horror, I see the boss leave his station, turn around and with a whistle walk out of the garage for more beam equipment. Left thus alone I must decide on my own whether the situation merits a heart attack brought on by sheer fright, righteous anger resulting in dropping my end of the bargain or stoical, pioneer-type stick-to-itiveness to bring this business to an end.

I decide on the latter just as the beam on Simon Legree's shoulder enters the garage. With customary tact, or is it fury, I am silent. Now, he says, he will insert, then step on the beam in order to raise the corner. He does and not too much happens. He tries half jumping on it and it does shake a little. I am tempted to suggest something to the effect that if he carried a little more weight it might work. Again, I wisely desist, knowing full well that his gentle rejoinder would be a fitting if unflattering one.

Just as the apprentice feels an irresistible urge to scratch in the back of the neck with no free hands there is an ugly crunch and the beam splits and breaks. Realizing that this drama could go on indefinitely, I promise him, who is working so hard, the moon if only the project might be shelved for today since its almost time for the 6 o'clock news.

Unbelievably and, with grace, he concedes. He smiles (and that's why I will help him whenever he asks me, as long as it isn't tomorrow) and says, "Well, how about we call it a day then?"

I keep my promise and go and make him moon-shaped baking powder biscuits.

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ground.

What I am actually doing in the United Church ministry is to work at relating the Gospel of Christ to the problems and situations of modern man. For example our church has a caring ministry for handicapped children as well as a new ministry for home-bound seniors. For the past four years we worked very hard at creating 90 units of Co-Op housing for persons 50 years and over. This completed, St. Andrews Place opened its doors this past May 1st.

Our Sunday school is growing (from 25 in 1972 to 100 students in 1978) and it is both a Bible place as well as being a Fun place. We are very pleased to have more and more parents involved in the operation of the Sunday school.

Our youth group that was non-existent five years ago is currently an active involved bunch of late and early teens of around 12 who love to study the Bible and then go about loving and caring for senior citizens. They are also involved in various other projects, such as raising money to purchase new doors for the sanctuary.

In addition to the more or less traditional 11 a.m. worship hour there emerged about three years ago a 9:30 worship event. In this very informal service the sermon is generally a dialogue between the people and the pastor.

When we discovered about a year ago

that the niece and nephew of one of our members were orphans and stateless in Malaysia, and had been refused entrance into Canada, our church went to bat for these two young people on humanitarian grounds. The struggle resulted in a change of mind of the Department of Immigration. On Dec. 30th they arrived at the Vancouver International Airport. Soon after their arrival they became students at the Fraser Valley College in Abbotsford.

Just what am I doing in the United Church of Canada ministry? I am allowed/encouraged to be a caring, creative, effective human being, albeit a minister of the Gospel. **mm**

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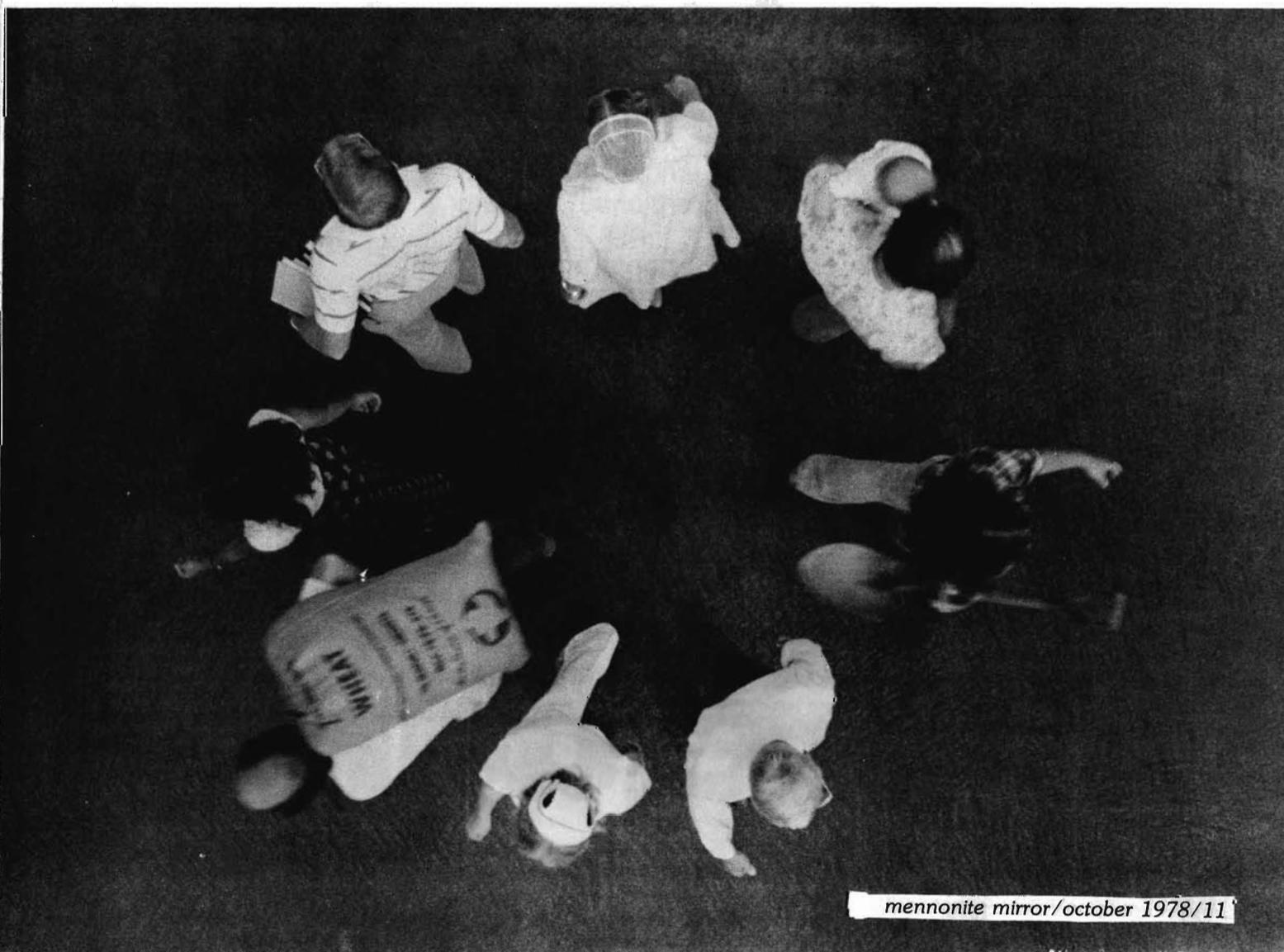
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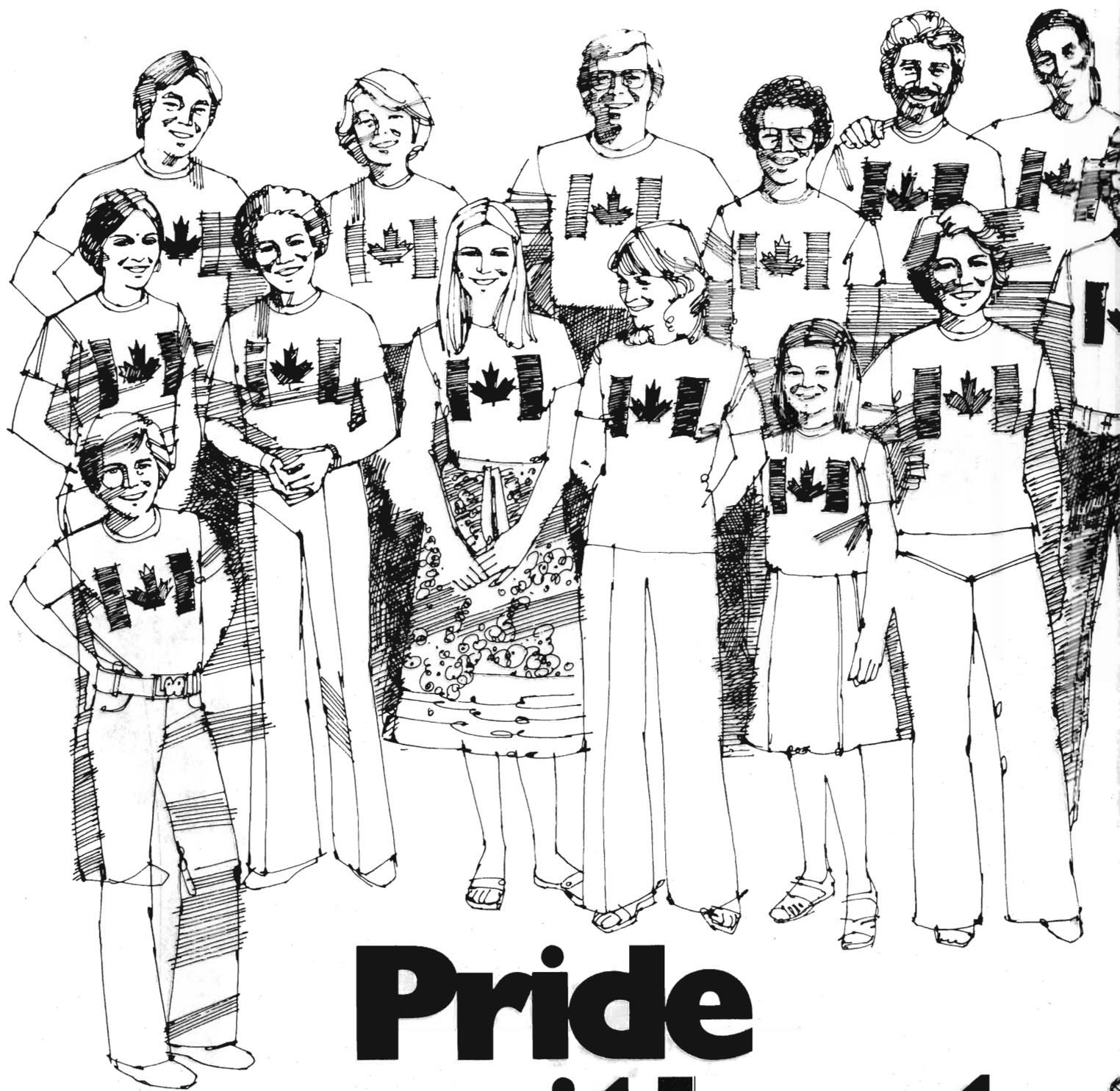
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MB Church: Variations on Unity

by Allan Siebert

If holding conventions to talk about unity guaranteed its presence, the future of Canada and of Canadian Mennonite Brethren probably would, by now, be secure.

Canadian MB's have taken part in eight major conference get-togethers in as many months and several considered the theme of unity in the church.

The convention schedule included a General Conference (North America) study conference on eschatology in January, five provincial conventions in June, the 67th annual Canadian convention during the first weekend of July at Three Hills, Alberta, and the triennial General Conference (North American) sessions in Buhler, Kansas in early August.

The Canadian Conference gathering in Three Hills proved to be more a celebration of than a quest for "Oneness in the Believers' Church" (the convention theme), despite the expression of strong opinions on several agenda items.

Under the direction of moderator P.R. Toews of Winnipeg the 800 delegates and guests dealt with routine business matters speedily, but spent a lot of time discussing resolutions on the use of alcohol, divorce and remarriage and questions of denominational identity.

The latter issue rose out of a paper on "The Mennonite Brethren Church as a Believers' Church: Past, Present and Future," by John Redekop of Waterloo, Ont. Redekop traced the distinctives of the believers' church tradition and examined how Mennonite Brethren fit into it.

The location of the Missions/Services headquarters was a delicate subject at both the Three Hills and Buhler, Kansas sessions. Since the second major MB General Conference institution, the Seminary, is firmly set in the United States, general agreement seems to be developing that the missions offices should relocate from Hillsboro, Kansas to an urban setting in Canada, with Winnipeg as the likely site. The matter was referred to a study commission.

Reports at both conventions—Buhler and Three Hills—indicated that Mennonite Brethren are in the midst of an unprecedented book publishing spree. Biographies of church leaders, curriculum materials and histories of MB mission efforts are in the works. A major achievement in 1978 was the publication of an

eleven hundred-page English translation of P. M. Friesen's classic, *The Mennonite Brotherhood in Russia*.

The unity to which Christ has called his church has always been elusive in many ways "the finding is in the seeking." Mennonite Brethren placed several contentious issues on the table for discussion in 1978—and a measure of unanimity was found.

But further tests lie ahead, especially in the areas of denominational identity, dealing with divorce and remarriage (many were not completely satisfied with the Three Hills resolution), and the difficult matter of Canada-U.S. relations in conference projects, centering on the possible relocation of the Missions/Services headquarters.

Inspirational input came from the main convention speaker, Frank C. Peters of Waterloo, from rousing singing in the cavernous wooden Prairie Bible Institute "Tabernacle," and from testimonies by new Christians from Mennonite Brethren Churches in Dartmouth, N.S., and Quebec.

The Ste. Rose (Quebec) Church was one of three new churches accepted at the convention, bringing to five the number of thriving French-speaking MB churches in Quebec. Canadian Conference membership topped 20,000 in 1978 for the first time, it was announced. Giving of about \$502 per member last year to MB church-related projects had kept the conference finances in relatively good shape.

The 1978-79 budget, passed easily, called for an increase of 11.9 percent of \$696,800 for Canadian programs and \$184,900 for General Conference programs, including the Fresno, Calif., MB Biblical Seminary. Canadian MB's also contributed \$1.68 million to Mennonite Brethren Missions/Services last year.

The announcement that funds had been raised for a \$500,000 addition to the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg seemed to signal a new confidence in the MBBC's program, after a decade of questions about the school's future.

An important decision gave the Canadian Board of Evangelism the green light to develop a Canadian Mennonite Brethren voluntary service program after MB Missions/Services terminates its North American Christian Service program in 1980.

Subsequent discussion, however, focused almost entirely on a small section of Redekop's paper in which he asked whether the "Mennonite" label loads too much ethnic and cultural baggage on a group that wants to be a genuine *believers'* church. To the delegations' surprise, he then suggested that MB's explore union with the Brethren in Christ. This suggestion found few takers, but discussion revealed that strong feelings exist about the denominational name.

Some felt that dropping the name Mennonite would make church growth

outreach easier. Others felt that the historical and theological continuity suggested by the denominational name was vital.

With no clear direction in view, the Board of Reference and Counsel was asked to study the matter further.

A resolution which endorsed the traditional Mennonite Brethren stance toward alcoholic beverages—total abstinence—passed by a large majority after much discussion.

The resolution stated: "We affirm and teach the position of abstinence from drinking beverage alcohol as a true expression of our divine calling as disciples with a responsibility to God and man."

Another resolution to allow the remarriage of divorced persons ("where there is general agreement in the local church") also passed, but proved problematic for many. Several pastors agreed with the resolution that a marriage breakdown is "always the result of sin and disobedience," but found no room in the relevant biblical texts for remarriage.

Review: Small print is best

DIE KRIM WAR UNSERE HEIMAT, by
Marin Durksen; Christian Press, 1977,
\$12

Reviewed by Mary M. Enns

In the past few years there has been a healthy resurgence of interest in their roots among the Mennonites on this continent. Considerable research has been done, older books have been resurrected and new books have been written, a good many by individuals or groups of people, concentrating on the Mennonites in specific areas of Russia. *Die Krim war unsere Heimat* is one such book. Its author Martin Durksen hopes that the experiences recorded here, embellished with excellent period pictures, will serve to recall among its readers many of their own experiences. For those of us whose knowledge of this past is chiefly hearsay it is enlightening and educational. For historians it is yet another addition to the annals of a people who began then, and are continuing to make their mark among the peoples of the world.

Eric Ratzlaff, Editor—*Mennonitische Rundschau*, in his forward says of the book "... I was impressed with the rich historical, cultural and religious content of this book." The author has gathered and incorporated a network of contributions by various Mennonites now scattered

in different parts of the globe. The pride and the blessings of the Mennonite heritage shine forth, tempered by an undying gratitude to God who guided the destiny of his children. He has added his own experiences here and there, gathered from the storehouse of memory of a young boy whose beginnings were in Mintlerschik, Krim. They serve to add colour, interest and factual detail to an intriguing series of experiences. He admits to a tone of nostalgia and inherent gratitude threading throughout the entire writings. Fleeing from one place to another, escapes, homelessness and a life of continued restrictions were to become a pattern of living. These accounts are the tales of Mennonites, who, with other German Colonists, lived in the Crimea (Krim), South Russia, near the Black Sea and the Taurien Mountains so beautifully forested with cedar, olive and magnolia trees. "Our beautiful little paradise here on earth," sentimentalizes one contributor. The author feels that the deeply rooted oneness, for the most part, resulted not only in religious traditions but branched out into a very distinct ethnic culture. Out of this arose traditions in foods like Zwieback, Pflaumenmoos, Gekochtes Schinkenfleisch with the biting sharp home-made Senf, and others. The book seeks to portray life as it was at that time and place. It describes the spiritual and cultural effects of the Bolshevik Revolution upon the Mennonites. Courage, fortitude and "stick-togetherness," strengthened by an inherent thrift and "strebsamkeit" blossomed forth as a result of hardships endured together. This raises the question: have the Mennonites learned from past experiences and will the pride of heritage give us the impetus to serve not only our own people, but also our neighbour?

Of great value to the book are the many acknowledged excerpts taken from *Mennonitische Maertyrer* I and II, A.A. Toews, and other Mennonite historians. The book ends with a detailed first-hand account written by a mother, Frau Anna Janzen, of the years of the "flight." It begins in 1941 and ends in 1947 in Winnipeg—their final haven of safety and security. This is a story written with touching poignancy and total honesty. Unfortunately, it has been "added" in very fine print. This last account, as well as the rest of the book, make for highly interesting and informative reading. **mm**

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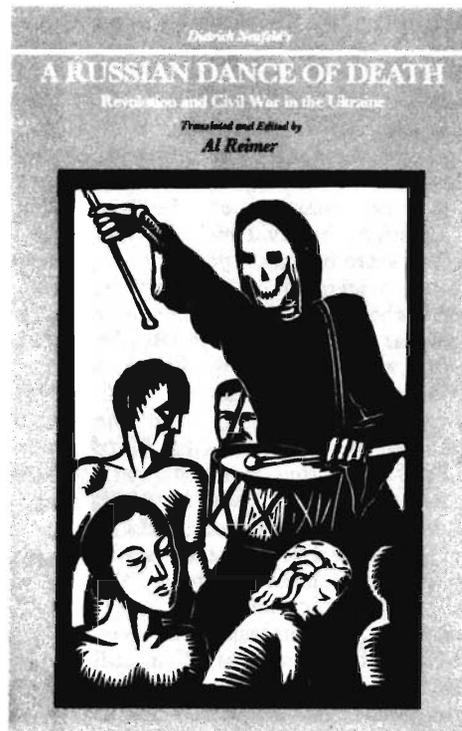
Gott kann; by J. W. Dick. Written in German, this book is an account of the religious experiences of Mr. Dick; price \$2.50. Book is available from the author, Box 1492, Winkler.

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Manitoba news

Werner Wiens is to be installed, on Oct. 15th, as assistant to Jake F. Pauls the regular pastor at Bethel Mennonite. Wiens will replace Don Friesen who formerly served in this capacity.

By way of other new developments at Bethel, The **Chinese Mandarin Mennonite Church**, as of Sept. 1st will have Bethel's facilities available to them from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. They will also use the church on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

CMBC launched the years activities on Sept. 24 with an opening program and installation service for **George Epp** as the new president of that college, at First Mennonite Church. Student registration at the college was nearly complete at press time and the library had already moved to new quarters at Heritage Centre. Hopefully archival material was to go to the centre by late September.

Else Barg, a member of Home Street Mennonite, whom readers will remember for her similar role with 'Crossroads', on July 1st took a position with St. Andrews United Church on Elgin. That is, she is back once more at working with the disadvantaged by the inner city. More specifically Else and Rev. Houston form a two-member team at St. Andrews which looks after Christian Education, visits to the congregation and beyond and tries to discover and implement whatever the church might do in the community.

C.F. Friesen of Steinbach, who celebrated his birthday on August 25th, still enjoys a walk but our memories need jogging to realize that this puckish soul is now 102. Family and friends attended an open house held in his honour. Jokingly, Mr. Friesen claims to be only two years old, saying that his odometer, like that of a car, has just turned over.

The **Mennonite Male Choir** has begun functioning once more after a break over the summer. The director, **Bernie Neufeld**, plans for a concert on the weekend of November 11th. Details will be forthcoming.

Bernie Neufeld was appointed full time minister of music at an installation service at Sargent Mennonite on September 10th. In this capacity Mr. Neufeld will, in addition to looking after the usual music program of the church, assist in Youth ministry and Christian Education. Mr. Neufeld previously was an instructor in the field of music at CMBC.

Wichita '78 is a 10-minute documentary film of the Mennonite World Conference in Wichita, Kansas July 25-30. Directed by the team that produced *Hazel's People* it will be available after September 15 for use in worship services or as a report on the conference. Inquiries: The Peoples Place, Main Street, Intercourse, Pa. 17534.

John Friesen, the veteran actor, who's parents Henry and Ella reside in Winnipeg, has put in six months of hard work on a new venture. Friesen now in Toronto, has co-authored a movie script called *The Last Vikings* which has been sold to a producer. The film, a 90 minute, \$1.5 million production is not likely to be filmed until next summer, which would mean a release in 1980. Friesen and his partner, Bob Garrison, will be associate directors of the film. Basically, the story is about a gang of boys who call themselves Vikings. The outdoor high adventure material of the script is very contemporary and deals with an Indian-white conflict. Work on the film script involved weeks of 14-hour days for Friesen. The finished script of *The Last Vikings* is one of the latest steps in Friesen's ten year professional acting career. Friesen this summer, also took part in a film called *Hide In Plain Sight* wherein Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer presents James Caan. The film is based on a book by Leslie Walker. Another recent acting venture was the roll John took as the German immigrant in *The Primary English Class*, a highly successful Toronto play last winter.

Westgate, home of 190 students and still with room to spare! John Enns, the principal, feels that the school population could go as high as 240 without undue crowding. During opening exercises at Westgate when acceptance and dedication of the new building takes place parents and friends will see how things have changed. The gym, offices, library, new chapel, lunch room, shop and lounge area are in the new building. There are new classrooms, and in addition, existing classrooms in the old building changed to the extent where even last years students got lost! This year, unlike former years, simply by pulling out bleachers, the gym will accommodate for special events the entire student body. Finally, all students, even juniors, have lockers, and these in hallways, not crowded into classrooms. The old building is still very useful. It has space for art classes, for a newspaper room, textbook storage, a darkroom, piano practice and all manner of storage. Old Timers will want to see the change in Westgate and newcomers will be equally welcome to look.

Rev. Abe Neufeld, missionary on furlough from Vienna, Austria, was the speaker at the centennial celebration of the settling of the Niverville area. Singing came from the well-known Niverville Male Voice choir and the music was supplied by the school orchestra.

MBCI began its fall term with 20 teachers for an all-time high enrollment of 421 students. New teachers are Henry Wiens and Harry Wall, vice principal who has returned after a two-year stint with

MCC. Renovations, (including a large band room) at a cost of \$14,000 were recently completed. Full credits will be given for the first time, in band and choral performance. Principal Peter Peters announces its opening program for October 3rd at the Elmwood MB Church.

MBBC President Henry Krahn is pleased to announce an excellent beginning of a new school year. Enrollment is 160 with 15 faculty members. Three new members on faculty are Erwin Penner, formerly New Testament lecturer at Winkler Bible Institute, Len Ratzlaff, heading the music department and Alvin Doerksen as campus administrator. 140 students and all faculty members enjoyed a three day retreat in September at Pioneer Camp. "Faith of the Believer" was the keynote address by Dr. J.A. Toews. The MBBC building program is progressing satisfactorily with tentative completion still January 1, 1979. Their opening celebration, at the Portage Avenue church on September 17 featured speakers Prof. Len Siemens, university of Manitoba and Erwin Penner, faculty member.

Winkler Bible Institute has appointed Harold Siebert, recently of Morden, Manitoba, as its music director. He is a graduate of MBBC (Theology) University of Winnipeg (BA) and University of Manitoba (Education).



Concordia Hospital is to have a public celebration of its 50th anniversary at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 22, at First Mennonite Church. Fittingly, Concordia had its genesis at First Mennonite, then known as the 'Schoenwieser' Church. The format of the celebration is to be one of thanksgiving with different people speaking to this point. Bud Sherman, the provincial minister of health and welfare, will speak briefly. As part of the service, a plaque made to commemorate the 50th anniversary, and designed for later mounting at Concordia Hospital, is to be unveiled. Later, with Nov. 3rd as a tentative date, and at a celebration not open to the public, a planned for awards day is to give recognition to those who have, as members of the board, as medical staff, and as hospital staff given long term service to Concordia. Of great interest to the general public will be a bilingual book, (English and German) some 40 pages in length, which traces the history of Concordia. It is simply entitled 'Concordia Hospital 1928-1978'. The author of the book is Prof. Abe J. Dueck, dean at MBBC.

Charles Cristano is the newly elected Mennonite World Conference President. He is from the Muria Mennonite conference in Indonesia. Mr. Cristano and his cabinet (or council) request prayer support as they begin to plan the 1984 conference in Europe.

Lydia Penner, formerly information services director for MCC Canada is now serving with MCC in Neuwied, Germany, as Walter Sawatsky's secretary, Sawatsky is with MCC as a research scholar in East-West concerns in Germany.

ARTHUR AND THE LION

Art and Helen Fast of Sargent Mennonite have just returned from Africa. They visited their children Eric and Kathy Fast who have just finished the first third of a three-year period with MCC in Lusaka, Zambia.

Helen has a truly genuine way of describing life in the bush country of poverty-stricken Zambia, formerly Northern Rhodesia. Zambia, true enough, is cut off in its landlocked position from former cheaper trade-routes through Rhodesia, but it is, because of its copper, still one of the wealthier African states. Food in Zambia is scarce. Vegetables and a favourite dish 'nshima' of a thick corn porridge are dietary staples. The younger Fasts got their first twenty pounds of white wheat flour at about the time of Art and Helens arrival. It was like Christmas! The cost of the luxury item, flour, was drawn from MCC wages.

By way of background, Eric teaches at a secondary school which follows the British educational system while Kathy,

after an initial period of training in Bantu dialect goes to outlying villages to teach women to sew. Since there is only one hand-operated sewing machine for a class of 20-25 women, they sew by hand and beautifully so, says Helen.

Art and Helen also flew to Livingston where the Walter Hieberts formerly of Steinbach and Walter more recently of the University of Winnipeg, live. Walter, also there with MCC, has set up a resource centre for the training of elementary teachers. If possible, and it is, food is even scarcer in Livingston. Luxuries like chocolate bars or candy are unheard of! Infectious hepatitis is common and poor Walter suffered a bout of it. Helen says that her heart flows with the deepest admiration for the dedication shown by MCC workers. She and Art went right into the villages with the van that brings, 2-3 times weekly, medical aid (nurses with a dispensary) and of course Kathy and another MCC worker to teach sewing as mentioned, and cooking of a more nutritious nature. Down the bush trails, bumpy and remote, they saw the real Africa.

Last but not least, there was the holiday with Eric and Kathy up to the game park. Hippos wallowed and galumphed in the rivers as they passed by when night fell, their party of eight, bivouaced in four circular grass-roofed huts hard by a river bank lined with crocodiles. Their last night there was alive with noise! Shadowy forms crept about the camp and by five a.m. took shape. Ten lions were feeding on a water buffalo kill. The water buffalo, its cries stilled, was lying between the space separating the hut of a geologist and his wife from that of their children. There was the rend of tearing flesh while bloody-maned lions fed for an hour and

more, engorging themselves while ensconced in the very bowels of the kill. At one point, Art and the geologist crept up for a photo of the scene, but tore back to their huts when a huge lion disengaged himself from the feast with a roar, hot on pursuit! Eventually sated, the lions rested in the camp environs while our hardy travelers slipped away. Until then, the Fasts found the idea of elephants dwarfing a VW beetle awe-inspiring enough!

As mentioned, the Fasts, Art and Helen, are safely home. Eric and Kathy have two more years to go.

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von Martin Hamm

Reisen sind Vorrechte vom lieben Gott. Nur zu wahr ist jener Liedervers: "Wem Gott will rechte Gunst erweisen, den schickt er in die weite Welt. . . ."

Einer Einladung vom Komitee der MWK folgend, macht sich der weitbekannte Mennonitische Kinderchor von innipeg unter der Leitung von Frau Helen Litz am frühen Sonntagmorgen, dem 23. Juli, auf den Weg nach Wichita. Auch dieses Mal geht die Reise per Autobus, wie so manches Mal vorher. Es sind gegenwärtig 40 mitreisende Sänger von 8 bis 16 Jahren, nebst der Leiterin, der Pianistin, den Chaperons, die die Kinder überwachen und betreuen und wir beide.

Die Reise geht über Minneapolis, wo der Chor schon am ersten Abend zu singen hat. Wir beide, meine Frau und ich, haben das Vorrecht, auf dem vordersten Sitz, hinter dem Fahrer zu sitzen; auf der anderen Seite sitzt Frau Litz und ihre rechte Hand, Frau Erika Koop. Ich sage "rechte Hand", denn ohne diese Hilfe würde die Leiterin in ihrem Uebermass von Aufgaben kaum fertig werden. Hinter ihnen sitzen die Begleiterinnen Mary Epp und Elfrieda Entz. Hinter uns, Hedy Epp, die Krankenschwester und Louise Enns, die Pianistin. Dann folgte die Kinderschar, die sich ohne Ende zu unterhalten weiss. Es summt, wie in einem Bienenstock, es sei denn, es wird eine Siesta angeordnet.

Um 10 Uhr morgens fahren wir über die Grenze bei Emerson. Nachdem alle Formalitäten erledigt sind geht es weiter. Auf der doppelspurigen Autobahn, vorbei an vielen Seen, Wäldern und Feldern. Ich habe bald festgestellt, dass wir einen sehr vorsichtigen guten Busfahrer haben. Es ist auch nicht das erste

Mal, dass er mit diesem Kinderchor faehrt. Er spricht gut plattdeutsch und heisst Henry Zacharias.

Auf dieser Reise in den Sueden bis Wichita, Kansas, gibt es nicht schneegekroente Berge und tiefe Schluchten, aber wie schoen sind in dieser Gegend durch Sued Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska und Kansas die reichen Felder der Farmer! Wellenfoermiges und rollendes Land wechselt mit ebenen Getreidefeldern mit Korn und Sojabohnen. Wir steuern auf Minneapolis zu. Wie romantisch ist doch diese Gegend, zwischen Seen und Waeldern. Die vielen Silos auf den Farmen zeugen von dem Reichtum der Milchfarmer. Ausser Korn wird auch Milo, eine Art Kafir, angebaut. Ich bin die laengste Zeit meines Lebens Farmer gewesen und so habe ich mir noch das Farmerherz bewahrt.

6 Uhr abends kommen wir in Minneapolis bei der MB-Kirche an. Pastor Mervin Dyck nimmt uns in Empfang. Zuerst werden wir mit einem kraeftigen Abendbrot in der Kirche bekoestigt. Darauf folgt eine kurze Uebstunde mit dem Chor, und um 8 Uhr tritt der Chor in seiner prachtvollen Uniform singend auf. Nun steht auch schon die Dirigentin vor ihnen, und mit dem Liede: "God Is My Song" wird das Konzert eroeffnet. Im ersten Teil sind es geistliche Lieder von Bach, Schubert und Anderen. Nach einer kurzen Pause, etwas anders gekleidet, bringt der Chor dann den mehr heiteren Teil des Programmes, darunter Natur- und Volkslieder in dramatischer Weise. Am starken Applaus merkt man die Aufnahme der Darbietung. Das Klatschen will oft kein Ende nehmen. Nach Schluss werden alle in private Haeuser von Gastgebern aufgenommen.

Schon um 6 Uhr morgens sollen wir beim Bus sein, da wir einen

weiten Weg vor uns haben, und abends in Lincoln, Nebraska, wieder ein Konzert gebracht werden soll.

Montag, der 24. Juli, wieder ein schoener, sonniger Tag zum Reisen. Bis nach Mankato war welliges Land, aber von hier an ist es eben. Wie reich ist doch Nordamerika an fruchtbarem Agrarland, besonders hier, in den Zentralstaaten und Kanada miteingeschlossen. Die Ernteaussichten sind wieder gut. Wie wir spaeter merken ist der Winterweizen in Kansas schon abgeerntet. Man sagt, es hat bis 35 Buschel pro Acker ergeben.

In Sioux City halten wir an und haben Lunch im Bus. Das spart Zeit. Dann fahren wir das Missouri Tal in Iowa entlang.

4 Uhr nachmittags kommen wir in Lincoln an. Es ist beabsichtigt worden, zuerst die Station des grossen Missionswerkes "Back to the Bible" von Dr. Theodor H. Epp gegruendet, zu besichtigen. Theodor H. Epp ist ja als Radio-Evangelist vielen bekannt. Ueber 500 Radiostationen werden von hier aus bedient. Wie viele Schallplatten werden da gemacht und versand! Vieles wird automatisch und mit Computers hergestellt. Wieviel Literatur wird gedruckt und versand! Da sind die Raeume, wo Buecher gedruckt und eingebunden werden und die Versandstellen nach allen Teilen der Welt. Etwa 200 Arbeiter dienen hier in diesem Geschaefthaus. Erstaunlich ist die Seelsorge durch Briefwechsel. Viele Missionare im Ausland werden teilweise jeden Monat unterstuetzt. Dieses Werk hier in Lincoln hat 1939 begonnen. Im Glauben und Vertrauen auf Gott, aehnlich wie Georg Mueller, hat Theodor H. Epp hier den Grund gelegt.

In der schoenen, grossen Baptisten Kirche findet das Konzert statt. Rasch fuellt sich der Saal. Es sind etwa 400 Besucher zugegen. Die Kinder singen nach Herzenslust. Wie gewoehnlich wird auch eine Kollekte gesammelt. Es wird dazu bekanntgegeben, dass nach Deckung der Unkosten, das uebrige Geld zur Unterstuetzung Notleidender durch die Flut in Indien, vermittelt des MCC geht. Nach Schluss des Konzerts werden wir in verschiedenen gastfreundlichen Haeusern untergebracht.

Wohlerfrischt machen wir uns am Morgen des 25. Juli, wieder auf den Weg fuer das naechste Programm in

Manhattan, Kansas, Es sind 135 Meilen bis dahin.

Wenn wir von Manhattan hoeren, dann denken wir sofort an den Teil von New York, wo die Wolkenkratzer stehen. Auf die Frage, warum diese Stadt so heisst, wird uns gesagt, dass die ersten Ansiedler hier von jenem Manhattan in New York gekommen sind. Diese Stadt hat 35,000 Einwohner und eine Universitaet. Nach einem "Coffee break" unterwegs kamen wir schon 1 Uhr hier an. Im Park haben wir unseren Lunch. In der Naehel ist die Universitaet, wo abends das Konzert stattfinden soll. Weil es so heiss ist, und wir noch Zeit haben, wird eine Badeanstalt gefunden. Fuer eine Stunde darf sich der Kinderchor und wer sonst will, da kuehlen und sein Vergnuegen haben. Wie sich die Kinder darauf freuen! Dafuer erweisen sie sich dann auch so dankbar bei der darauffolgenden Uebstunde. Bei der Auffuehrung geben sie alles Beste her und singen schoen. Auffallend war die Akustik dieses Salles. Ohne Lautsprecher war alles so klar zu vernehmen.

Zur Nacht wurden wieder alle in verschiedenen Heimen aufgenommen.

men. Obzwar auch hier Mennoniten sein sollen, habe ich keine getroffen. Die meisten sollen der Methodisten-Kirche anzugehoeren.

Der 26. Juli. wir sind auf dem Wege nach Halstead. Erst um 9 Uhr fahren wir los, denn es sind nur 90 Meilen bis dahin. Auch haben die Kinder heute kein Programm zu bringen. Frau Litz liest zur Morgendandacht aus "Daily Devotions" einen Abschnitt.

Wir fahren ueber Abeline, wo wir nur Zeit nehmen, das Eisenhower-Museum zu besuchen. Hier in Abeline ist der grosse General und spaetere Praesident geboren. Hier steht sein Elternhaus, ein anderes Haus beherbergt seine grosse Bibliothek, in einem anderen das Museum. Weiter das Andachtshaus mit Begrabnisstaette. Die Einwohner von Abeline sind stolz darauf, dass er einer der Ihren war und haben es ihm, mit vielen anderen Verehrern bekundet. Da wir noch Zeit haben, gibt es im Park ein Baseballspiel und nachher ein Bad in der Badeanstalt. Hier in Kansas ist es heiss. Wir haben taeglich von 97 bis 107 Grad Hitze. Doch kuehlt es ueber Nacht gruendlich ab.

Von Abeline fahren wir nun nach Halstead. Die Mennonitengemeinde daselbst hat es sich als Aufgabe fuer die MWK uebernommen, den Mennonitischen Kinderchor waehrend dieser Konferenz fuer fuef Naechte mit Nachtquartier zu versorgen. Ihre Gliederzahl betraegt etwa 250. Halstead ist nur eine kleine Ortschaft mit etwa 1700 Einwohnern.

Der 27. Juli. Fuer heute abend ist ein Konzert in Salina, einer Stadt mit 20,000 Einwohnern, 65 Meilen von hier entfernt, vorgesehen. Da wir genug Zeit haben, so besuchen wir noch erst das interessante "Kansas Health Museum". Hier wird der wunderbare Bau des menschlichen Koerpers bis ins Kleinste gezeigt und mit Vortragen von speziellen Lehrern belegt. Auch darf ein jeder vor ein Cardiogram treten und sehen, wie sein eigenes Herz pulsiert. Das war des Sehens und Hoerens wert. Man hat dieses Museum zum Andenken eines frueheren Doktor "Herzler", der vor vielen Jahren hier am Ort als treuer Arzt gedient hat, erbaut. In einem Schrank sind noch seine Geraete und Medizinflaeschchen, zu sehen.

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- "obviously a labour of great patience and infinite love. . . ." P. N.
- "nu ess Plautdietsch werkluch uck ni Sproak. Nu loat dee Butendarpa erren Webster, enn wie ha onsin Thiessen. . . ." John G. Vineland, Ont.
- ". . . endlich eine mennonitische Leistung mit Fleisch und Knochen in der sprachlichen Suppe. . . ." Dr. H.T. Kiel, Fed. Rep. of Germany.
- ". . . die groesste Leistung auf dem Gebiet des mennonitischen Plautdietsch. . . ." Dr. H. J. Omsk, U.D.S.S.R.
- ". . . der Glanztag meiner wissenschaftlichen Laufbahn war das Erscheinen Ihres Woerter-buchs. . . ." J. H. Omsk, Leningrad, U.d.S.S.R.

N.G. ELWERT VERLAG MARBURG

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Weiter wird hier auch auf einen Herrn Bernahrd Warkentin hingewiesen (1847 - 1908). dieser besuchte von Russland aus Amerika. Er hatte ein offenes Auge, sah die Gelegenheit fuer Mennonitische Weizenfarmer, siedelte hier in Halbstadt an, und fuehrte den "Turkey Red Wheat" und Winterweizen ein, war aktiv im Muehlenbau, als Agent waehrend der Einwanderung der Mennoniten und auf manchen anderen Gebieten, so auch als Mitbegründer des Bethel College.

Nach einem Lunch bei "Dairy Queen" gehts nach Salina. In einem Park soll das Konzert stattfinden. Auf einer Musikbuehne mitten im Park findet spaeter die Auffuehrung statt. Viele Zuhörer erscheinen zum Konzert nehmen auf den Baenken Platz oder lagern auf dem Grase. Die Darbietung wird gut aufgenommen und manch' ein Bild geknipst. Zur Nacht geht es wieder nach Halstead.

Der 28. Juli. Die Broadcasting Co. von Wichita will die Bekanntgabe des Mennonitischen Kinderchores auf der Konferenz kundtun. Von hier fahren wir zur Konvention Halle im Zentrum der Stadt. Hier nehmen wir an der Abendversammlung teil. Der Taiwan Chor auch Gruppen aus Indien und Afrika treten abwechselnd auf, in ihren Heimattrachten und Instrumenten. Die Konferenz zu beschreiben ueberlasse ich Anderen. Unser Chor ist auch nur da, um an den letzten beiden Tagen zu dienen. Das erste Programm unseres Chores findet in der Baptisten-Kirche, gegenueber dem grossen Zentrum, statt.

Den 29. Juli, 2 Uhr beginnt das Konzert. Es ist eigentlich der Hoehepunkt des Dienstes auf dieser langen Reise. Die Kinder leisten das Beste und, wie auch sonst, wird die Darbietung gut aufgenommen.

Der letzte Tag der Weltkonferenz der 30. Juli bricht an. Fuer die Morgenandacht sind wir nach dem Staedtchen Goessel eingeladen. Die Alexanderwohl Gemeinde, die Goessel und die Tabor Mennoniten Gemeinde haben sich vereinigt, an diesem Sonntag die Versammlung in der Goessel Hochschule abzuhalten. Unser Chor ist eingeladen worden, mit Liedern zu dienen. Es wird auch gemeinsam gesungen und ihr Prediger Henry Goossen und der Editor des "The Mennonite" leiten und dienen mit dem Worte.

Zu 4.30 Uhr muessen wir auf dem

Feste in der Konventionshalle in Wichita sein. Unser Chor tritt mit vielen anderen Saengern und dem Orchester zusammen, ungefaehr 500 Personen, auf der Buehne auf. Sie singen im Massenor und haben als Kinderchor auch seperat zu singen. In der Pause darf der Kinderchor dann abtreten. Sie verhalten sich auch ordentlich in den Baenken, waehrend der langen Predigten und Bekanntgaben und Abschiedworten. Ein sehr bewegter Tag, und damit kommt auch die MWK zu Ende. Nicht zu viel habe ich persoendlich dabei sein duerfen, weil ich an die Chorgruppe gebunden war.

Der 31. Juli. Es war die letzte Nacht in dem freundlichen Halstead. Aus allen Windrichtungen kommen die Kinder zur Abreise, zum letzten Mal bei der Mennoniten-Kirche zusammen und mit ihnen heute mehr als gewoehnlich die Gastgeber. Einige Kinder sind sogar auf Farmen gewesen.

Heute abend bringen wir noch ein Konzert in Newton. Man hat so den Eindruck, Newton sei das Zentrum der Mennonitenschaft in Kansas. Von hier aus gehen die Wege nach allen richtungen zu den Mennonitischen Ortschaften. Hier ist auch das bekannte Bethel College, wo am abend das Konzert gebracht werden soll. Das Konzert abends im College war ausgezeichnet. Nun sind wir fertig zur Heimreise. Die Kinder freuen sich schon darauf.

Der 1. August. In 2 Tagen wollen wir zu Hause sein. Zur Nacht fahren wir bis Mountain Lake, Minnesota, wo das letzte Programm gebracht werden soll. Schon auf dem Hinweg nach Wichita fuhren wir hier durch. Die Mennoniten haben auch hier einst in einem reichen Landstrich angesiedelt. Es wird meistens nur Korn und Sojabohnen gezogen und gemischte Farmwirtschaft betrieben. Auf Stellen hat es schon gut geregnet. Hier ist es nicht so trocken wie in Kansas. Mountain Lake hat etwa 3000 Einwohner und wohl ueber die Haelfte davon sind Mennoniten. Abends werden wir freundlich bei der Hochschule empfangen und bewirtet. Dann wird das letzte Konzert gebracht.

2. August. Schon frueh begeben wir uns auf den langen Weg, denn wir wollen, wenn moeglich 8 Uhr abends zu Hause sein. Je weiter Norden wir kommen, desto maessiger wird das Klima. Es ist nicht mehr so heiss. Nun zeigen sich auch

wieder in Nord Dakota die gewoehnten Getreidefelder. Das Getreide hat inzwischen sehr gereift.

Nachdem wir wieder die Grenze passiert haben, beschaeftigen uns die Gedanken, dass wir bald wieder auseinander muessen, die wir uns als eine Familie zusammengewoehnt haben. Wie schoen sind doch die Sommerferien dieser Kinder auf solcher Reise! Was haben sie nicht alles gesehen und gelernt im Umgang untereinander und mit anderen Menschen! Dazu waren sie in guten Haenden und haben einen guten Dienst getan. Manchmal wird man gefragt: "Was bezweckt solche Reise des Mennonitischen Kinderchores?" Die Antwort: "Sie singen zur Ehre Gottes, zur Freude den Menschen, zum Dienst an Hilfsbedürftigen."

Wir sind dem Herrn dankbar fuer seine gnaedige Bewahrung auf der Reise. Auch unserem werten Fahrer "Henk" gebuehrt Dank fuer seine grosse Vorsicht beim Fahren. Dank auch den dienenden Frauen, die sich der Kinder so muetterlich annahmen. Dank dir, liebe Tochter Helen. Und Dank vor allem dem Herrn fuer dieses groose Erlebnis.

In der naechsten Ausgabe hoffen wir einige persoentliche Erinnerungen oder Eindruecke Teilnehmer der MWK wiederzugeben. Personen mit besonderen Erlebnissen wenden sich bitte an die Redaktion des M.M.

LIKES WHAT'S SEEN IN MIRROR

Dear Sir!

Thank you very kindly for publishing my stories and poems from time to time. Included are two more, hope you like them.

My husband reads right through the *Mennonite Mirror* every time (except the German articles) and he remarked upon it. "They have good worthwhile articles in it, not just trash and ads like some other magazines today."

My neighbors the Sawatzkys from Steinbach have retired here in Crofton and they too read every issue of the *Mirror*. And an Oldtimer who is also a bachelor and lives all by himself has had a resurrection of his lost and lovely Mennonite soul and is happy when I pass the old issues on to him.

We all thank you and hope you keep up the good work!

M. Francis and family
Crofton, B.C.

Your word

A VIEW OF ARGENTINA

Dear Sir:

I am originally from Argentina, and my husband Jake is Canadian. The first thing that impressed me when I arrived to Canada—in June 1975—was the beauty of the landscape and magnificence of the mountains. The second experience was the indifference of the average Canadian—Christian or non Christian—towards the reality of the world. When I try to talk to them, the answer I get is: "I don't know, I don't care. . . ."

I've found beautiful exceptions in some people. To those who are indifferent and to the ones who care, it is time to realize that Latin America is turning out to be a big prison and in many parts a vast cemetery. The ones who are in prison and the ones who are dead had the same cause in common. They could not accept any longer living in a place where the good things God put on earth belong to a wealthy minority, while the other part of the population are in poverty up to the limits of starvation. And because they speak out against injustice they are imprisoned, or dead because of torture while in jail.

Who are the targets for the indiscriminate killing? Who are the "dangerous" elements that the Argentinian Government consider "subversive", and "criminals"? Teachers, journalists, bishops, doctors, scientists, sociologists, priests, psychologists, lawyers, students, workers. The case of the abduction and torture of Patricia, daughter of the Mennonite missionary Mr. John D. Erb, is just one example.

In Argentina 1978 the husband works to pay the rent of a one-bedroom apartment and the wife for the groceries, while the children are with some good-hearted relative who wants to take care of them. It is to a point that cooking oil is being sold by the spoon in my country.

Workers are being laid off without compensation (Unemployment benefit is unknown). Schools for the poor still are functioning only because a permanent "parents commission: which pays for energy bills, school supplies, etc. No hospital for the poor has been built in the last 40 years, while a negligible amount from the National Budget provides for the existent ones.

The congress was dissolved and legislative power was confiscated through a decree dated March 25/76. Freedom of the press no longer exists, demonstrated by the abduction and assassination of several journalists, and by the banning of several newspapers and various theoretical journals. On the other hand, Nazi publications praising Hitler as "The Father of the Occident" are not only for sale, they are freely distributed in the garrisons and secondary schools.

In the meantime, a privileged minority is the owner of all fertile land in the country. The same people are sitting on the Board of Directors of the big enterprises and are related by blood to the generals in the Army who are conducting the destiny of 25 million people.

The Gospel teaches that God wants for all men a truly human existence. There is no possibility of human existence for the poor. The ones who are not in jail, are "imprisoned" within an economic system which maintains a widening gap between them and the wealthy.

I call you in the name of the voiceless, of the powerless, of the poor (Proverbs 31:8-9). The sign of our times is of a world being torn apart by injustice and conflict. We cannot take refuge in the position that, as Christians, our duty is simply to worship God and give alms to the poor (Matthew 7:21-23). To do this alone in the world's present situation would be to incur the wrath of Christ because, like the Pharisees, we would be neglecting "justice and the love of God (Luke 11:42).

We must remember that the credibility, authenticity and acceptance of our worship is conditioned by the exercise of justice (Matthew 5:23-24).

I call you to put aside your indifference, to get more information to celebrate with any of the human rights organizations. By

not doing anything you are supporting the Governments who are oppressing and repressing Latin American people.

What any dictatorship wants is people not to do, not to talk, not to think, not to know. For more information, contact the Group for the Defense of Civil Rights in Argentina—PO Box 335, Port Credit Station, Ontario. L5G 4L8

The United Nations, the World Council of Churches, Council in Hemispheric Affairs, Amnesty International, Int. Labour Organization, etc. have denounced the violations of human rights in Argentina.
Alida Friesen

STICKING NECK OUT: THANKS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the money for a two year subscription to the MM. I feel indebted to you as an ex-Holdeman that you stuck out your neck to speak out against the purge and show it for what it is. Although very little of the real agony can all be told, it should cause people to review in their own minds what really constitutes this matter of salvation and spiritual life. The whole exercise revolving around only Jesus Christ and not on church or its leaders.

The Media has treated the subject fairly and just so far, but I feel the Christian community should be more wide awake to extreme errors of this kind and speak out.

On the other hand we have had many friends who helped us and others over this traumatic period. Especially so the Free Church folk where we started to attend three years ago.

May God bless those who prayed and helped and continue to do so.

Yours,
Don Barkman

PS The purge has made me search and find the liberty in Christ that Paul taught. Thank God for being able to breath free air.

RESTRAIN THIESSEN

Dear Editor,

Just like to say we enjoy reading the MM. Mary Enns and Roy Vogt's articles are usually good. We also like most Low German writing, just wish Jack Thiesen would refrain from using such vulgar expressions. With his intelligence he should be able to find enough descriptive words without resorting to such linguistic trash. In a world where so many writers seemingly try to outdo each other in feeding us written garbage, it would be a relief to see the MM make an effort in the other direction. In the hope of improvement on that level, I'm renewing our subscription for another two years.

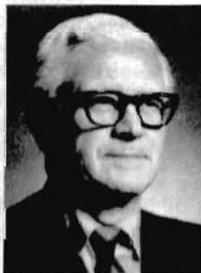
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The *Mirror* is now in its eighth year of publication—not a lengthy span when compared with human age, or even a dog's. For a privately published monthly news magazine, however, it is an impressive age, almost a miraculous age. Very few such periodicals survive beyond the first couple of years, regardless of quality, reader acceptance or size of circulation. So, we have reason enough to celebrate our own survival. Reason enough also to pause and re-assess our aims and achievements and to contemplate our future.

When Roy Vogt and Ed Unrau issued the prospective for their new magazine in 1971 they stated:

The goal of the magazine is to foster a greater spirit of unity and common enterprise among the Mennonites, by helping them to see who they are, where they have come from, and what they are presently doing.

Visionary rhetoric? Yes, but I believe strongly that these stated goals have been kept firmly in mind and realized to a degree few people would have expected seven years ago. The local Winnipeg and Manitoba flavor and focus of the magazine has been deliberately and consistently maintained. At times the focus may have been too narrowly parochial, but the *Mirror* has also aroused interest and respect outside the community, as proven by the number of articles and reviews that have been re-printed from it by national Mennonite papers like the *Mennonite Reporter* and *Der Bote*.

Over the years the *Mirror* has done a good job of attracting local writers and giving them a chance to develop their skills. We now have a solid core of staff writers and a growing list of outside contributors. In fact, we have reached the highly desirable stage of being able to select only the best material from the large amount submitted for each issue.

One of our real strengths, I believe, is our appeal to "peripheral" Mennonites, that is, readers whose background is Mennonite but who are no longer practising Mennonites in the full sense. Such readers, perhaps largely for nostalgic reasons, are especially enthusiastic about our Low German stories and sketches. The Low German section has become one of the most popular in the magazine.

The lion's share of credit for the success of the *Mirror* in its first seven years goes, of course, to its founder and only editor up to now Roy Vogt. Roy not only had the vision but also the stubborn courage—the sheer *chutzpah*—to establish his risky publishing venture when even his friends said it couldn't be done. Ably supported by Ed Unrau, the experienced managing editor, and by wife Ruth, that amazing jill-of-all-trades, Roy

developed into a first-rate editor, the kind of editor who knew exactly what he wanted and how to get it.

He not only persuaded people to write for him, he somehow managed to inspire them to write better than they knew they could. The mark of a good editor is to get the most out of his writers and to use the resulting material to the best advantage. In his warm, unassuming way, Roy did just that. He is directly responsible for launching some of us on writing careers that began with the magazine and that have developed into even wider areas.

But Roy Vogt is also a very practical man. Without his tireless efforts to sell ads to local business firms, the *Mirror* would long since have sunk in a sea of red ink. And it is to this vital side of our operation that Roy now wants to devote even more of his time.

In taking over as editor from Roy, I realize I have very large Mennonite shoes to fill indeed. I wish to assure our regular readers that I have no intention of making radical changes in the magazine. My aim is to maintain the editorial policy which Roy expressed so well in the first issue:

In all of our articles we hope to "speak the truth in love" . . . to speak the truth which demands personal integrity on the part of our writers and a sense of fairness on the part of the editors. We hope our writing will reflect the fact that there are many sides to most issues. We know that in doing so we will not please everybody, but we do not intend to bend the truth to do so.

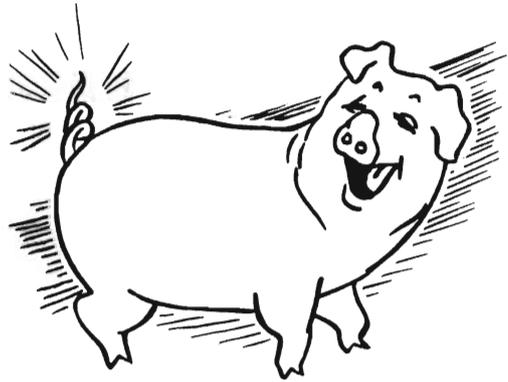
I do have some ideas for innovations and perhaps some long-range changes. A regular book-review page with a number of brief book reviews is one such innovation. We shall also try to run more longer articles and series of articles on important current issues. We will be looking for new ideas from fresh writing blood. My aim is to attract more new writers, including writers and scholars who are already known as writers. One of the criticisms of the *Mirror* has been that it has a certain inconsistency of quality from issue to issue and sometimes within a given issue. I shall try as much as possible to eliminate such inconsistencies.

Without the experience and dedication of Managing Editor Ed Unrau and new Associate Editor Ruth Vogt to draw on, I would probably not have accepted this challenge. With their assistance and the loyal support of the entire staff, I intend to carry forward this important Mennonite work of communication which Roy Vogt has begun and developed with such marked success.

—Al Reimer

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